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Sir Wh. Jonrs.

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Decipherment of a Sanskrit Insoription daied in the fourteenth century, with a translation and notes.-By Fitz-Edwamd Hale, Esq. MI. A.

The inscription here published was dug from the ruins of a temple in the village of Marsaudá, which lies about ten and a half miles from the town of Charwá, in the district of Hoshnugabad. I am indebted for it to Maulavi Muhammad Mazhar Jamil, the encrgetic Assistant Superiutendant of Hurda and Hindia. The stone on which it is incised is now in my possession. A superficies measuring about eleven inches by thirteen comprehends the writing; beneath which are rude outlines of S'iva, and of seren other divinities, six male and one female, supporting him on either side.

Devapála, the ruler mentioned in this monument, does not seem to be identifiable with any mediæval prince of the same name, hitherto discovered. Nor has it been ascertained whether he belonged to the royal house of Málava which included the last Bhoja and his son Udayaditya in its liueage. From the manner in which he is spoken of it might, however, be inferred that his descent was not a source of particular pride; or it would have been detailed with the usual degree of amplification.

As the substance of this inscription is meagre, so is its language. And it is not only meagrc. A number of deviations from the

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standard purity of the classical idiom will not fail to be perceived by the learned reader.*

## श्रेग्। नमः शिवाय।

सर्वकर्मसमाइम्भे गीर्वरगये यैं नमस्टृतः।
स मया पार्वतीपुन्ने हेरम्बः प्रार्थते चिहम्॥ ? ॥
भाइती भवतां मूयाद् वागुल्बासविकाशूरा।
जगज्जाङं तमेISधस्तात् कुव्वन्ती भा रवेरिव॥ २॥

विधिगा गत योर ट्यु: पूं वेर जाम्बनगौरफसः॥ ३॥
संवत् पच्चसमत्यधिक्वादपूपूताङे १२จयू मार्गसुदि पू पूनै।

 স्रीलिखायाप्रसादवरलब्\&प्रताप श्रोमह्देवपालद्वेवचराएानां महीपवर्धमानकल्यायाविजयठान्ये सति।

च्यधिके पश्चसपत्या हाद्पाब्दपूते पूरे।
वत्मरे चिचभानैर तु मार्गपूर्षे पिते द्ले॥8॥
प श्च क्यन्तवसंयोगे नच्तन विष्णु टैवते।
योगे हर्घयक उत्ज्ञ तु ति थ्यर्ध धाटट दै वते $\left\|\frac{L}{\|}\right\|$
प्रोमटुन्दपुरे पूर्वमासीढ् धेसीति पूरषः।
ख्यातः सर्वगुगयलेलक विलोके सम्मतः सतTम् ॥ ही॥
तदौरसः गुजमतिर्बभुव

वस्यTSSत्मजे S मूढ़ वर्याजां महात्मा

* A few faults of the engraver are here noted as specimens. The first stanza has प्रार्य्यति चिराम्: in the third it may be that he ought to have written विfवधा : and the seventh immetrically exhibits ढल. In the twelfth stanza the original has तुमद्वाट् यक्: : This must be corrected as in my text, or else to सुमचायक् :
স्रीफल्लनामा महनीयदीनिंः ॥ ७॥ नस्याऽनुजः केश्वनामधेये वडिक्प्पथे ग्रुमतिर्जने रतिः। खासीत् तदा धर्मनिकेतनः सदा
 तेनाऽकारि मनो धर्मे कोश्वेग सुजन्मना। नलिनोटलनीरेखा पश्यतर सदृषं वपुः ॥દ ॥ हर्घपूर्वात् पुराट् द् दृविभागे लेकनन्दन्न्।
 नत्सनिधाने हऩमत्त्वेज्यालगयोग्वरान्स्यापयामास दृघादोन् नकुली|श्रमथाडमिक्वाम् ॥ ११ ॥ लोकानुरागतस्वागात् विप्रसन्तर्पंयात् सदा।
 लोके बूते केश्वः सायवाकं मल्रासादं यो नरः पस्यतीमम्।
बद्रोषं मा भूतले सुप्रसिजं
जानव्वेते सजनाः सर्वंदेव | १३॥
महाजनानुरागेखा স्रेयो मम वितन्वत।।
द्धता शूस्ता प्रश्सीयं धीमता दे वश्मर्मा। ॥ १४॥ गुभं भवतु लेखकपाठकथेः र्वर्दैव। कित्वमतु।

Translation.

## Om! Adoration to S'iva!

1. Persistently do I supplicate Meramba,* the sou of Párvatí; $\dagger$ him who is reverently saluted, by the gods, at the outset of all undertakings.

* A name of Ganes'a, the mythological patron of letters, and, more particularly, the remover of obstacles.
$\dagger$ The daushter of Himálaya, and wife of S'iva.

2. May Bháratí,* who dispels the darkness of the world's stolidity, as the light of the sun dissipates the gloom of night, confer upon you celebrity for increase in the power of discourse.
3. May the matted locks of Pinákin, $\dagger$ resembling, in colour, black bees on the water-lily, and adorning the quarters; and his menacing utterances; and the regulated evolutions of him whose abode is on the $j$ ambu-bearing mountain $\ddagger \ddagger$ bestow upon you prosperity.

In the year twelve hundred and seventy-five, or, in numerals, 1275; on Saturday, the fifth day of the moon's increase in Marga :§ when, in the happils\| thriving city of Dhárá, was held the govern-ment-whose fortunes and successes were greatly increasing throughout the earth-of the feet of the fortunate Devapála Deva; endowed with all excellencies; resplendent with the decoration of the five great titles which he had obtained; ${ }^{\boldsymbol{T}}$ supreme sovereign, great king,

* Or Saraswatí; the goddess of learning. A victim to the incestuous passion of her father, Brahmá, she is fabled to have been childless.
$\dagger$ That is, S'iva; from pináka, his bow, or trident.
$\ddagger$ This is au epithet of Pinákin, with which word it might, in translating, have been placed in opposition.

Mandara, or else Merumandara, is the mountain on which stands, according to the Puránas, a gigantic jambu-tree, the Eugenia Jamboo.

There is an allusion here to the boisterous dance of S'iva, the tándava.
§ Or Márgás'írsha, as below.
|| The position and use, in this place, of swasti, 'happily,' are peculiar. Another interpretation is, however, admissible.

- The Sanskrit of the words from 'endowed' to 'obtained' is identical with a clause which Colebrooke renders with an expression of distrust as to his understanding the whole of it. See his Miscellmeous Essays, Vol. II., p. 303, note.

It may be erroneous to take samastapras'astopeta as an independent expression. Again, but for the order of the original words, it might be considered that 'the five great titles' are enumerated in 'supreme sovereign,' \&c. Only four of these denominations are, however, specified, on some occasions where the five titles are spoken of in proximate connexion with them. See, for instance, Colebrooke ubi supra.

Mr. Walter Elliot says: "Lord of the pancha mahás'abda, or 'five great sounds,' is a title always joined with that of mahá-mandales'wara, and never with that of the sovereigu, in any of the more modern inscriptions. It does, howerer, occur among the titles of Pulakes'in, in the copper inscription of Capt. Jerris." Juurnal of the Royal Asiatic Society, Vol. IV. p. 33, note. All that can safely be
chief ruler, lord paramount, emperor; to whom majesty was derived from the boon of the favour of the auspicious Liswayá* or, expressed metrically;
4. In the $S^{\prime} a k a$ year twelve hundred and sevents-five, called Chitrabhánu, $\dagger$ in the light fortnight of Margas'irsha,
5. Its fifth day and Saturday $\ddagger$ concurring, under the asterism whose superintending divinity is Vishnu,§ during the yoga\| termed Harshana, and the karanna耳 over which Dhátri holds the presidency ;* the matter under record was transacted.
said touching the phrase in discussion is, that its import is not yet determined, nor the grounds which were reputed as authorizing a ruler to affect its appropriation.

* Perhaps the king's mother ; possibly, the local name of some goddess. But the Sanskrit is hardly decipherable with any certaintr.
$\dagger$ As the present inscription came from the south of the Nerbudda, it is deserving of remark that its style of date is at variance with the alleged local variations in reckoning the cycle of Brihaspati. See the Asiatic Researches, vol. IlI. p. 217; $8 v o$. edition.
$\ddagger$ In the original, Antaka, or Yama; the name of the regent of Saturday. For convenience of reference, the regents of the days of the week are subjoined:

| Sunday. | S'iva. |
| :--- | :--- |
| Monday. | Durgá. |
| Tuesday. | Gulıa. |
| Wednesday. | Vishnu. |
| Thursday. | Brahmá. |
| Friday. | Indra. |
| Saturday. | Yama. |

§ This constellation is the twenty-third, or Sravana.
|| For the meaning of this technicality, and for a list of the yogas, see Colebrooke's Miscellaneous Essays, vol. II. pp. 362 and 363. Also see Col. Warreu's Kála sankalita, p. 74.

T Called, in the Sanskrit, by its less usual name, tithyardha, or 'half a lunar day;' the length of its duration. See Colebrooke's Miscellaneous Essays, Vol. II. p. 364 .

* Dhátṛi is Brahmá ; and his Karana is Bálava. The Karanas and their tutelars are particularized below :


## Variable Karanas.

1. Bava.
2. Bálava.
3. Kaulava.
4. Taitila.

Tutelars.
Indra.
Brahmá.
Mitra, the sun.
Alyaman, the sun.
6. In the auspicious town of Undapura* there lived, in time past, a person by name Dhosin; renowned, in the world, for every virtue, and highly considered by the saints in heaven. $\dagger$
7. His lawfully begotten son was the fortnuate Bilhana; pure of purpose, and, iu form, the peer of Ananga. $\ddagger$ And his son was the fortunate Dhalla, so called; high-souled among merchants, and of repute challenging respect.
8. His younger brother, who bore the appellation of Kes'ava, was a man of guileless mind in affairs of traffic, kind to the people, an abode of merit, ever devoted to the gods of the earth,§ and warmly attached to his own relatives.
4. Regarding his perishable body as like a drop of water on the leaf of the lotus, the well-starred\| Kes'ava applied his heart to pious observances.
10. In the neighbourhood $\sigma$ of Harshapura he constructed a superb* temple to S'ambhu, and a reservoir like the sea.
5. Gara.
6. Vanija.
7. Vishlṭi or Bladrá.

Invariable Karanas.
I. S'akuni.
2. Chatushpada.
3. Nága.
4. Kinstugha.

Bhú, the earth.
Ramá.
Yama.

Kali.
Ukshan.
Nága.
Maruta.

* This is not to be mistaken for what is now rulgarly called Indore; a corrup. tion, it is said, of Indrávara.
$\dagger$ Viloka, 'the other world;' heaven, or hell, accordiug to circumstances. In the acceptation of paraloka, this word bas no place in our dictionaries.
$\ddagger$ 'The bodiless;' an appellation of the Hindu Eros, whom S'iva reduced to ashes.
§ A magnificent epithet of Brálmans.
|| To translate su-janman, conformably to its etymology, by 'well-born,' would convey a wrong impression in our idiom.
I So I render des'a-ribháge, at a venture. 'In a section of the place' would be a strict translation. The fifth case after this term may he accounted for by the particle $v i$ which it emhodies. But the Sanskrit is impure.
* Closely, ' pleasing to the people.'

11. Near him* he caused idols to be set up of Hanumat, Kshetrapála, Ganes'wara, Kụishṇa, \&c., Nakulís'a, and Ambiká. $\dagger$
12. For his general benevolence, his bounty, his constant entertainments to Brabmans, his adoration of the gods, and his offerings to fire, he aequired the highest renown.
13. The following words of good faith Kes'ava addresses to the community: 'as for human kiud who look upon this my temple, well known over the face of the earth, may these worthy people at no time whatever think ill of it.'
14. This elegant eulogy was composed by the learned Deva S'arman, had in esteem by the great, $\ddagger$ and the augmenter of my good fame.

* The writer's meaning is, 'near the image of $S^{\prime}$ ambhu, sheltered by this temple.'
$\dagger$ Kshetrapala, or 'the guardian of the soil,' is, at least now-a-days, a personage of uncertain or various identification. At Benares he is one with Bindu-málhava, among the Vaishnavas; and, with the S'aivas, the sume as Bhairava. The latter view has the support of the Batuka-bhairava-stotra. In many places, as I know from personal observation, the name of this agrestic protector is bestowed on figures of Hanumat.

The unnamed divinity, coupled with Krishna, is Garuda. His place is at the right hand of the principal image of a group, as that of Hanumat is at the left hand.

Gaules'wara is Ganes'a, elongated for the sake of the metre.
Of Nakulis'a, as here intended, I can affirm nothing positive. But it is not necessary to presume a mistake, in this place, for nakules'a or 'lord Nakula,' one of the forms of S'iva: since this god, as S'ambhu, is already embraced in the sacred company under description. In Náyojí Bhatṭa's scholia on the Chandípátha, ad finem, is a passage, purporting to be taken from the Váráhi-tantra, in which the Destroyer is called Nakulis'a, as being the consort of Nakulí, a Tántrika name of Durgá. Nakulis'a—written, perhaps, Nakules'a also-is, again, an inferior manifestation of S'iva. Further, in what is stated to be an extract from the Vámana-purána, Nakulís'a is given as the title of one of S'iva's bands of attendants; that which is stationed at the west of him. Once more, Nakulí-as distinctly appears from the Nakulí-váyiswarí-paddhati-being Saraswatí, Nakulis'a is one with Brahmá. The worship of this divinity has, however, long been disused. I have never seen but a single temple to him, that at Pohkar, near Ajmere.

Ambiká is Párvatí. See the first couplet, and a note on it.
$\ddagger$ This phrase may also import 'well-affected towards the great.' As the

May happiness ever attend the scribe and the reader of this composition. Be there auspiciousness!

Fort-Saugor, September 2nd, 1857.
inscription has so much to say of traders, it is just possihle that Mahájana may intend this class of persons, and not 'great' or 'respectable.' The word, it should seem, sometimes bears this sense in Sanskrit; but, perhaps, hy iusensible or ignorant adoption of the signification attached to it in the spoken languages. See Colebrooke's Digest of Hindu Law, \&c., Vol. II. p. 303, foot note; 8vo. edition.

The continuous notation, ohserved on the stone, of the metrical portion of this record has been followed in the transcript now edited.

These fourteen stanzas are all in the Vaktra measure, three of those which succeed the prose heing excepted. That nutibered as the seventh is S'ubhá or Buddhi. I shall recur, on a future occasion, to the class of mixed metres to which this appertains. The metre of the eighth stanza is likewise composite, a species of upajáti, but of which I can discover no specific appellation. Its first and fourth quarters are Indrarajrá; its second, Vans'astha; and the third, Indravans'á. The thirteenth stanza is Sáliní.

I avail myself of this opportunity to rectify an error into which I have fallen regarding the acceptation of the phrase pálánudhyáta. See p. 226 of vol. xxvii. of this Journal, foot-note. My opinion there expressed, hesides having the weighty support of Culebrooke, was based upon an examination of all the instances, accessible to me when I wrote, of the employment of this iocution. But it appears, from two examples occurring in the same inscription, that it sometimes indicates merely a kindred successor, or, perhaps, only a successor. Where, of two brothers, elder and younger, the latter accedes to the throne in sequence to the former, the word̀s pádánudhyáta are, in the cases alluded to, used to denote their relation as consecutive princes. See the Journal of the Bomhay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, for January, 1851, pp. 219 and 220.

A Sketch of Toungoo History.-By Rev. Dr. F. Mason.
To the Editor of the Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal.
Sir,-Perhaps none have read Capt. Yule's paper on the ancient Buddhist remains at Pagán with more interest than myself, especially his invaluable historical note. I am full in the belief that when we become better acquainted with the Talaing and Burmese historic literature, we shall have a history of the country nearly as accurate as Macaulay's, if not quite so poetic. Native histories are difficult to be obtained, when obtained difficult to read, and when read, difficult to translate, so as to interest European readers. When I came up to Toungoo in 1853. I read two different histories of the country in Burmese, but have never before offered a sketch of their contents to the press, for the reason given above. Capt. Yule's article, however, exhibits so clearly the lack of historical documents on this country, that every contribation, however small, to supply the deficiency, cannot but be acceptable. It is to be regretted that so few thoroughly versed in the languages have leisure to do any thing in this department, we are indebted to Col. Burney and Major Phayre for nearly all we know of Burmese history.

Capt. Yule is surprised to find all the details of the architecture at Pagán of Hindu origin; but there is little reason for astonishment when it is known that Anoratha, or Anoratha Sau men,* when he established Buddhism in Pagán, built all the Pagodas and temples in Pagán after the exact models of those then existing in Thatung or Satung, of the same size, and in the same order. Such is the testimony of Talaing tradition, and I believe of Talaing history. There is proof on the pages of your Journal, $\dagger$ that he sent to 'Thatung for Rahans and priests versed in the Pitakat to teach his people, and that he obtained the descendauts $\ddagger$ of Sona and Uttara, the first Buddhist missionaries from Central India to Burmah. As Thatung was then the principal city in the country for religion, it probably held a similar distinction in the arts, and as Solomon sent

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+ May, 1831. "Inscription from Ramree Island."
$\ddagger$ Erroneously rendered in the Journal. "Through the instrumentality of Sonathera and Uttarather, and their diseiples and survivors."
for his builders to Tyre, so Anoratha procured his from Thatung; while there is room for little doubt that Thatung was originally a Hindu colony, and it is quite certain that it was in frequent communication with Cerlon. Capt. Yule says: "Suvannabumme," he adds, but unfortunately stating no authority, "is still the classic Pali name of Satung." No better authority will be required than that furuished by your Journal. The inscription from Ramree Island* was made subsequent to A. D. 1786, and in that Suvannabumi stands as the classic name of Thatung. "In the sacred era 236 ," as we read, "religion was established by the venerable Sona and the venerable Uttara in Suvannabume, the Thatung country." $\dagger$

There is great confusion and often contradiction of dates in all the native histories through the carelessness of copyists. We cannot be certain of au approximation to accuracy without comparing different copies, and different histories.

Yours very sincerely,

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\text { Toungoo, December 15th, } 1857 . \quad \text { F. Mason. }
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## History of Toungoo.

The history opens with a brief epitomy of Gaudama's life, and states that he came to the country of Toungoo, here denominated Zeyavatana. $\ddagger$ When he reached the place where old Toungoo was subsequently built, he said to his favourite disciple Unanda: " Here thou and I were brother white cocks in a former state, each with five hundred followers, and fed in this place. Hereafter my relics will be enshrined here and worshipped." Crossing the river, on the east side, on the site of the present famous Pagodas of Myatso-nyie-noung,§ he said to Ananda: "Thou and I were

* See note $\dagger$ abore.
$\dagger$ Rendered in the Journal: "In the country of Suvanna bumi (in Burmah called Sathum)."
$\ddagger$ 6a0NOO\{m
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born white cocks in this place, and here we came at night to roost. Hereafter my relics will be enshrined here and worshipped."

After stating that the Pagodas were not built in the days of Dwattaboung, the fonnder of Prome, A. C. 443, the history passes to Dammasoka. "In the sacred era 223 [A. C. 320], Danmasoka, the universal monarch, residing at Palibrotha, having obtained the relics, called $n p$ the rulers of eighty-fonr thousand conntries and provinces, and gave to each eight portions of the relics, commanding them to return and enshrine them in their respective countries, building over them Pagodas, and digging wells and tanks in their vicinity. The Toungoo chiefs took their relics and built four Pagodas over them in the places previonsly mentioned by Gandama."

From Asoka the history passes abruptly to Narapadiesethn king of Pagán, whose classic name is here given Tampadiepa* conntry. He descended the Irrawaddy A. D. 1191, and guided by astrological prognostications, came up the Sitang to the Toungoo Pagodas, which being in ruins he repaired them, and on learing, appoiated one of his ministers, Nandathurieya $\dagger$ governor of the conntry, who made Kampamyent, on the Sitang in the north part of the province, the seat of his govermment. He was succeeded at his death by Men Hlazo § of whom nothing is said, but that his son Thawonlenkya\| ruled after him. Thawonlenkya, changed his capital and settled on the north side of Htswa creek, twenty or thirty miles north of the present Tonngoo. Here lie founded a city which he called Kya-khat-wara, of where people gathered to him in great

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numbers from every direction. Warieyu,* king of Martaban, came up, destroyed the city, and carried away the ruler and his family to the town of Thu, between Shwegyen and Sitang. This event is placed A. D. 1256. According to Talaing bistory, this king there called Wareyo, did not come to the throne till A. D. 1281. The same king appears, though not by name, in the 'Inscription on the great bell brought from Aracan, $\dagger$ according to which he did not ascend the throne of Pegu till A. D. 1370; but the same event in the history of Martaban is placed in 12s9. If the bell inscription be asumed as the most correct, then Toungoo history must be out a whole century or more.

While in captivity, Thawonlenkya had two sons born unto him, the great Thawon $\ddagger$ and the little Thawon; and when about to die, he charged his sons, saying, "This is not our country but Raney, go to Zeyawatana. If you wish to be good men, go up the river Athawatie Poung-loung, § and follow up Khaboung creek till jou reach a small mountain spur [Toungoo].'"|| In accordance with their father's instructions, after his death, they came up the river Sitang and established themselves at the place indicated, A. D. 1278.

Another character is now introduced. A teacher at the town of the Htieling, said to one of his pupils, Karen-ba, "If you go south you will become a good man." He went south, and after remaining some time at Kentha, finally remored, and took up his abode in the south-east of Kaylen, naming the place the Karen city. Tradition says that this man was a Kareu, his name which signifies "Karerfather," and his fomuding a city, called "Karen city," confirms the

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$\dagger$ Journal of A. S. of Bengal, April 1833. The translator places the event in 1622 by omitting a figure in the date, and changing the era. The text says in
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tradition, jet many Burmese say he was a Burman, and his name Karen-ba, an epithet and not his proper name.

When the brothers heard of Karen-ba's proceedings, they communicated with him, and entered iuto an agreenent to found a city together. After traversing the whole region in search of a suitable locality, they ultimately determined on the site of old 'Toungoo some twenty-five miles north-west of the present city, where they founded " Great Toungoo," A. D. 1281. It is said they built mat houses on each of the four sides of the city to the four great guardian spirits, or Nats, making offerings to each; which proves they were not pure Buddhists.
The elder brother was killed by the younger and died A. D. 1317. The younger brother survived seven years dying A. D. 1324; and his widow and son being discovered in a conspiracy to assassinate Karen-ba, they were both put to death. Kareu-ha died a natural death A. D. 1342 ; but the next two kings, who succeeded him were murdered after short reigns; when Thimpanka came to the throne, iu whose days the kingdom flourished. He exchanged ambassadors with the Talaings, the Burmans and the Yunes;* and conquered the five provinces of Yelwas. $\uparrow$ Associated with the Talaings, he made war on the king of Prome, Tsau yan noung, $\ddagger$ took him and put him to death A. D. 1370. Passing over two other kings, we meet with Men Boung, § who sent presents to the king of Ava T'swatsokayll to maintain peace, and also to Byanya-oo, ${ }^{\boldsymbol{T}}$ kiug of Pegu. This king, according to Talaing history, died A. D. 1388, which synchronises with this history. This Men Boung patronised the cultivation of the lands, it is said, as well as the making of offer-

* 66 cid $\oint$ Cochin China," says Judson, but I take them to be Shans. +69 वे

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ings. While absent at Myabla, a town in the northern portion of the province, -where our present Deputy Commissiouer, Capt. D'Oyly, is founding a Shan colony-the Shans entered Toungoo and assumed the reins of government, but he returned suddenly in a single night, attacked the Shans, and defeated them with great slaughter. He died A. D. 1392. Passing on, we find A. D. 1425 the king of Toungoo allied with Byanya-yan* king of Pegu iu a war against Prome. The Pegu king, who, according to Talaing history, reigned between A. D. 1418 and 1450 , besides land forces, brought fifty warboats against the city; and the king of Toungoo brought two hundred elephants, one thousand horsemen, and trenty-nine thousand infantry. They took the city and carried off much plunder.

A daughter of the king of Toungoo having married the son of Narapadi king of Ara, Toungoo became a dependency of Ava. Narapadi died, it is said A. D. 1468, and the Ara Chronicles, as translated by Col. Burney, represent him as reigning in 1449.

After twenty-nine kings had reigned Zeyathurat came to the throne, an independent sovereign, A. D. 1485. He removed his capital, first to the mouth of Kaboung creek where he built Dwayawadie, $\ddagger$ and next to the site of the present city of Toungoo, which he built and named Ketumatie§ [i. e. Possessed of the royal banner] A. D. 1502 says one history, A. D. 1510 says another. This name was retained in official documents, but Toungoo, the name of the first city transferred to it in common use, though being situated in a plain, far from the mountains, it is inappropriate. One hundred and seven thousand, five hundred and twenty-four persons were said to have been employed in building the city. Zeyathura had several bráhmans at liis court, and they exercised considerable influence


See Journal May, 1854.
§ 60020 08 This name appears to hare been previously giren to Pagan.
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over the religion of the people. On my arrival, in 1853, I found a ruined building in the north-west corner of the city, which contained decayed wooden images of Vishnu, and some other Hindu gods, to which the inhabitants were in the babit, formerly, of making offerings; and in the account of the ceremonies at the completion of the city, it is said that Ganesa was placed on a stone slab on the south side of the city. In the centre was an image of Gaudama with the Pitakata before him. The people were assembled without the walls and a procession formed, with the king at the head, who entered the city at the principal gate on the east side. When he reached the outer gate of the palace, the bráhnans and the chief architect exclaimed: "Let the ruler of this land and water, the excellent king of the law, possessing great glory, ascend into the golden palace which he has built; that he may observe the ten laws of kings, that he may give, during the whole of his life prosperity to religion and to the inhabitants of the country." At the foot of the palace steps, he did homage to "Brahma, Indra, Devas and to the three objects of Buddhist worship, exclaiming: "I worship the Buddha, I worship the law, I worship the priesthood."

Soon after the completion of the city, the king was involved in a war with Ava, then ruled by Narapati, the "Shwe-nau-kyany-shang, proper name Narapati" of Crawfurd's table, there said to have ascended the throne A. D. 1501, which synchronises with Toungoo history, and goes far to confirm the statements of both. A. D. 1503, Zeyathura went out to meet the king of Ava with twelve hundred fighting elephants, six thousand horsemen, and fifty thousand foot, who was defeated and entered into a treaty. Another war was followed by another treaty, and the king of Ava finally gave his daughter in marriage to the king of Toungoo ; who died A. D. 1531.

Mentara his son ascended the throne, and conquered Pegu to which city he removed the seat of his government; and gave Toungoo to "the Sbah Menyay-thie-ha-thu,"* who, at his death, appointed his younger son Thie-ha-thu, his successor. After a short period his elder brother Htsen-phu-shen took the reins of government, but when he obtained the throne of Pegu he restored Toungoo
to his brother, who ruled under the naue of Menkhaung.* This was A. D. 1551 , and Talaing history has a Hsen-phu-shen king of Pegu, who died A. D. 1562.

Menkhaung was succeeded by his son Menyay-kyau-ten, $\dagger$ who built a large palace in the middle of the city, the ruins of which still remain. He was succeeded by his elder brother, Natshen-maha-damma-yaza. $\ddagger$ In the year 1601, the son of Nyounyan-maha-damma-raza, § king of Ava, came against Toungoo, and took it. In Crawfurd's table, Nyoung-yan, there " Naung-ram," ascended the throne of Ava A. D. 1597, quite in agreement with this history. He left Natshen in charge of the city, but took his mother and his two brothers Menyay-kyau-ten, $\|$ and Menyay-kyau-tswa, ${ }^{9}$ and placed them in the city of Penra.* In the year 1611, intelligence was sent up from Toungoo to Ava that the Portuguese and Aracanese were about to come against the city. The king gave orders for succours to be sent to Toungoo in charge of Menyay-kyau-ten, but before he arrived, Toungoo had been taken, and Natshen with all his court carried captive to Srriam, A. D. 1612. In the same year the king of Ara took Syriam, and "having done in it as he wished," returned with many captives.

The next and last date in the book is A. D. 1637, where it is stated, that all the officers of government received their appointments from Ava, to which place all the taxes collected were to be carried. With the complete subjugation of the country to Ava, the history closes.

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Reply to Mr. Pratt's letter to the Asiatic Journal on the Indian Are of Meridian.-By Captain F. P. Tennant, Bengal Engineers, F. R. A. S. 1st Assistant G. T. Survey of India.

A couple of days ago, I received the copy of the letter from Mr . Pratt to the Secretary of the Asiatic Journal. As I am not a member of the Society $I$ should be much obliged by your commmnicating the following answer.

1. I must explain ; that the direction of the plumbline at any point of the earth's apparcnt surfaee is determined by combined aetion, of the centrifugal force resulting from the earth's revolution round its axis, and the attraction of every particle of the matter constituting the earth. These are the only forces in action; and the result would be; were all the matter in the earth free to arrange itself; that the fignre would be rigorously an ellipsoid of revolution, whose ellipticity would depend on the law of the earth's density in approaching the centre.
2. The earth however is not fluid. The position of every particle of by far the greatest portion of matter is almost unehangeable. In addition to this, there are many projections from the general surface, and depressions below it, as well as internal irregularities of structurc. All these are small with reference to the enormous mass of the carth itself which may therefore be most simply considered as an ellipsoid of revolution + superfluities of matter in certain positions - certain deficiencies. So also the total attraetion of the earth is the resultant of the attractions of the ellipsoid and the separate irregularities.
3. Were the ellipsoid alone existent, the plumbline would be every where normal to its surface, that being one of the conditions of equilibrium, bnt in consequence of these irregularities the direetion of the plumbliue is changed and there is hardly any point of the earth's apparent surface where it is perpendicular to the surface of the fundamental ellipsoid.
4. In geodesical operations we project all our stations, and eonsequently the ares joining them on a surface whieh is always perpendicular to the plumbline; that surface being selected which
is defined by the mean sea level; and it is on this consequently that our ares are measured. As this differs from the fundamental ellipsoid, only in consequeuce of the attractions of the irregularities, it follows, that, could we remove all the consequences of the attractions of all the irregularities, we should have the lengths and amplitudes of our ares as though they were measured on the fundamental undisturbed ellipsoid. Every difference is caused by some irregularity; and this is certain, though we may be unable to assign its origin. That we shall ever be able to account for all these differences I do not expect. Omniscience aloue could assign the places and masses of all the portions of the earth--but, that irregularities sufficient to account entirely for every deviation from the fundamental form exist appears a result of the laws of matter absolutely unquestionable.
5. The case of the form of the earth is thus assinilated to that of the orbit of a planet. Did the solar centre of our system alone exist with one planet, this last body would describe a rigorous ellipse about the sun; but, in consequeuce of the existence of other planets, this mean ellipse nowhere satisfies observation, but we can always find au ellipse which will correspond to three observations but will soou exhibit sensible deviations from observation. It is universally recognized that this is a legitimate consequence of the law of gravitation. No one for many years has ventured to doubt that the apparent irregularity of a planet's motion is caused by the attraction of other planets. 'Theory has fully accounted for all the devi. ations; and lately, when the observed positions of the planet Uranus were found undoubtedly to differ from the computed places after all knowu corrections were applied, Astronomers did not assert that the orbit was nearly but not quite an ellipse, that the law of change could not be assigned, \&c.; on the contrary, the development of the irregularity brought about a general teudency to seek its cause, and fiually, Messrs. Adams and Leverrier predicted within narrow limits, the place and mass of the disturbiug planet which we now call Neptune. Had they followed the course Mr. Pratt seems to take, they would have upheld the irregularity of the orbit; aud, what is now a triumph for the universal law of gravitation, would have been a reproach to science.
6. The uncorrected data of any tro ares close together will give
an ellipse strictly analogous to that in common use in physical astronomy and known as the orbit due to the varied elements; whereas the mean or fundamental ellipse derived from a number of distant observations will nearly, though not quite, satisfy all and bear the same relation to the previous one that the mean orbit does to the varied orbit.
7. Here the analogy ceases. The Heavenly bodies in comection with the sun are few and definite; we can thus assign the law of variation of the elements of the orbits. On the earth we cannot, and in the heavens as on the earth the varied elements without this law, are useless. The mean elements in the heavens would give places not very far removed from observation for a limited time, on the earth they would do so always, the difference arising from the motion inter se of the celestial disturbing masses and their fisity on the earth.
8. I lave now I think sufficiently explained my reason for considering (from theory) the true form of the earth to be an absolute ellipsoid. I now proceed to consider Mr. Pratt's 3rd and 4th paras. -Arguing from the known changes in the form of the apparent surface which is visible to our eyes, Mr. Pratt reasous that there are changes in the curvature of the unperturbed surface, by which I mean, that which is the result of removing entirely the effects of all irregularities. Nothing could I think possibly be more fallacions than the argument. The change of outward form of the earth is caused by the transference of matter, and it is known principally by relative changes in the lieight of adjacent parts. In consequence of these changes, are also changes in the perturbed form of the earth, but when we eliminate all the effects of disturbing matter we evidently must, both before and after the changes, attaiu the identicully same fundamental form.
9. Indeed we ouly know of these so-called actual changes except in very exceptional cases* (which moreover are of small extent) by reference to the sea level whose changes (being those of the disturbed surface) are small in comparison, if the fumdamental form be fixed. If that, however, be liable to variation we have lost on reference, and we cease to have evidence of the changes of height.

[^0]10. From what I have said it immediately follows that the coincidence of the deduced form of au are with the fundamental one is evidence of the absence of local disturbance or compensation for its effects, while deviation from the fundamental form shows in itself that the local disturbance has been either wrongly estimated or entirely neglected. If this be not so, we have to add to a sufficient and actually existent though numerically nnassignable cause for the difference, one whose existence is uncertaiu, if not, as I believe, impossible.
11. Mr. Pratt appears to rest his opiuion that I have misunderstood the subject, on the fact that I have not gone through his voluminous computatious and produced a new result. I have not been guilty of this presumption. Our knowledge of the forms of the disturbing masses is very imperfect, and their internal constitution is almost unknown, so that I cannot flatter myself that I should attain a result in which I had more confidence than in Mr. Pratt's; and the research required would be very great. I have therefore preferred showing that the result at which he arrives has no claim to be considered a satisfactory representation of the form of India either practically or theoretically; and, if I have succeeded (as I believe I have) my answer must be considered conclusive as to the existence of some flaw in Mr. Pratt's data or processes without my actually pointing out where it occurs. As, however, my avoidance of the subject has beeu misunderstood, I may say that there is some reason to believe that the masses of the Himmalehs have been considerably overstated iu Mr. Pratt's paper, while no notice has been taken of the mountains of Central and Southern India.
12. In Article 7, Mr. Pratt remarks on the iudefiniteness of my estimate of the attraction at Banog. With my opinions I could evidently lave no such coufidence in the best attainable estimate as would have justified the time and labour requisite for its production. The most cursory consideration of Mr. Pratt's estimated attractions at the stations mentioned iu his paper with a knowledge of the position of Banog will show that $I$ am justified iu calling it enormous on Mr. Pratt's hypothesis. That such was the view I took, and that I did not extend Mr. Pratt's law as he appears to imagine, is evident since by it, the attractiou would, iu longitude, much exceed the $20^{\prime}$ at which 1 took it.
13. The next point requiring notice is the note to page 11 , where I submit Mr. Pratt is in error. The surface on which the are is projected is that which is modified by local attraction or C n of his figure and not C B which represents that attained after eliminating the local attraction's effects. 'Ihe stilting process is actually carried ou and the reductions to the leugths of the ares are necessary.
14. From the figure of the earth, the astronomer seeks to determine the radius or the length of the line joining his place to the earth's centre and the augle which this line (or its projection on the plane of the meridian) makes with the perpendicular to the surface. Mr. Pratt's figure being contessedly only very local canuot give these data.
15. The Geodesist again seeks to determine from one station whose latitude is known and also the azimuth and distance of a second, the latitude of the second, their difference of longitude and the azimuth of the first at the second. Mr. Pratt's figure cannot give these, as I have shown in the case of the longitude and reverse azimuth at Karachee.
16. In iny second paper noticed by Mr. Pratt I say, "I have shown in my former paper that the ellipse given by Mr. Pratt for the Iudian meridian is useless for Geodesical purposes. I have now, I think, shown reason to believe that there is no evidence which will warrant our considering that any real departure from the mean form exists," and again "the only figure of any Geodesical or astronomical importance is, that determined as usual from the consideration of a number of ares situated in various circumstances as regards sources of probable local disturbance, I think I have supported this.
17. Were we possessed of a large number of observations of latitude and longitude extending over India or the whole world, the true step to take, after the astronomical precedent, would be to determine (which of course is theoretically possible) the size and position of the deflecting masses requisite to recoucile the observed places with those geodesically determined. Whether the requisite observations will ever be available, or the Analytical Giant who must use them, is ahnost beyond cren speculation. Meanwhile, let
us put full faith in the law of gravity as not to be shaken by dubious analogies.
18. I trust I shall not be supposed to depreciate Mr. Pratt's analytical conclusion. All knowledge is gain and Mr. Pratt's law of dissection is an aequisition which will doubtless find its practical applicatiou in due time. At present we can only look ou the results of the paper as au arithmetical illustration of the formula and as not to be employed in the questiou of the earth's figure.

Mr. Pratt's Second Letter on the Indian Arc.

## To the Secretary of the Asiatic Society.

Sir,-In reply to Mr. 'Tenuant's letter brought before the Society at its last monthly meeting, it appears to me quite sufficient to ask your readers to read again my letter in your Journal No. III. 1858.

The question appears to myself to be a very simple one, aud I wonder at Mr. Tenuant's not seeing it iu the same light.* I can readily comprehend his being disappointed that the effect of the Himmalayas should be so troublesome; in this I can fully sympathise with him. But I have too great a respect for the Law of Universal Gravitatiou to leave out of consideration such a disturbing cause. These Himmalayas are as great a tyrant in the delicate problem of determising the curvature of the are of meridian in Hindostan, as the planet Jupiter is in the Solar System. But as

[^1]sure as I feel that Messrs. Adams and Le Verrier (to whom Mr. Tennant refers) never dreamt of ignoring the existence and attraction of that troublesome Planet, so clear does it appear to me that the Himmalayan attraction must not be trifled with and passed over.
2. It was to calculate this that my paper of 1855 was written. Other disturbing causes may exist, and sloould be estimated. But this cannot do away with the importance of estimating the effect of the Himmalayas. I have spared no pains to discover an antagonistic cause which would mullify the influence of the Himmalayas, but without effect. During the present year, I have forwarded to the Royal Society two other papers; one, estimating the effect of the deficiency of matter in the Ocean, which extends down from Hindostan to the South Pole; the other, the effect of any slight deficieucy or excess in the density of mass of the earth prevailing over large spacessuch variations in density from the density of a fluid mass, under the same circumstances, as are not at all unlikely to bave taken place in the crust of the earth in its becoming solid, or by expansions and contractions since that change occurred. The first of these disturbing causes we know exists, because the Ocean exists and is less than lialf as dense as rock. The anount of the effect is, however, uncertain because the depth of the Ocean is unknown. The result of the paper, therefore, shows the tendency and the nature of the effect, but not the exact amount.* The other calculation, viz. that of the effect of slight but wide-spread departures from the law of density in the iuterior mass, required by the fluid theory, was suggested by the hypothesis of Mr. Airy, that there might be a deficiency of matter below the Himmalayas which would, in a large degree, counteract their effect on stations on the Indian arc from Kaliana southwards. The result of this calculation is unfortunate; for it shows that such departures from the fluid-density as I have alluded to, and which may not improbably exist, will have a sensible and important effect on the plumb-line; but we have 110 possible means of becoming certain whether these variations of

[^2]density do exist or not. The uncertainty of the existence or not of this invisible enemy, aud the utter impossibility (with our present knowledge) of ascertaining whether it does exist or not, and therefore whether our plumb-line is affected or not by some such invisible cause, is very tronblesome-very far more so than the Himmalayas; because in their case there is a definite mass which it is possible to neasure, and the attraction of which can be calculated. There is this to be said, that, as far as my investigatious help me to make a comparison, the effect of the Himmalayas seems to be much more important, while it is more manageable, thau any other of the probable causes of derangement. But, whether or not, the Himmalayas are a certainly-existing and a definite mass, and their effect ought to be calculated. The calculation is not so "voluminous" or tedious as Mr. Tennant seems to suppose-not near so toilsome as some of those in which his duties occupy him.* Were it not for the peculiar law of dissection made use of, no doubt it would have been au herculean work which any one might well shrink from. But this law reduces it simply to determining from the Survey Maps the average height of the neighbourhood of about ninety different places; multiplying them by the cosine of the azimuth, reducing the result to miles, and multiplying it by $1^{\prime \prime} .139$, which gives the deflection. In the parts beyond the range of the Survey Maps, and which have not so great an effect on the stations of the are in question, an average form is obtained from Humboldt's observations and from other sources, and the calculation requires only the summation of a few simple arithmetical series. All the heights used are noted down in the Six Tables pages 78-83 of the paper of 1855 ; and upou a correction being given me of any one of the heights, I can (aud any one who will examine the method can) in five minutes fiud how much the resulting deflection of the plumb-line must be altered-such is the simplicity which this law of dissection introduces.

[^3]3. These calculations lave been gone through again lately by a practised computer, working them nuder my direction by another conrsc. The result is, that while the first calculation (of 1855 ) makes the deflections in the meridian at Kaliana, Kalianpur and Damargida to be $27^{\prime \prime} .853,11^{\prime \prime} .968$ aud $6^{\prime \prime} .909$; this rerised calculation makes them $27^{\prime \prime} .943,12^{\prime \prime} .047$ and $6^{\prime \prime} .790$. The differeuces are too trifling to be of any moment; and what variation there is rather aggravates the effect. All the separate errors in the first calculation, the aggregate of which has made this small discrepancy, have been detected, so as to make the two calculations exactly to tally. If there be, therefore, anything wroug in these results, it must arise solely from the heights being wrongly taken, or the density being wrongly assumed. The deusity used is that of the comparatively small rock Schehallien, and must be rather under the mark than over it; as that rock is but a few hundreds of feet high, whereas the most important part of the Himmalaya mass is two miles high, and the lower parts inust be denser, rather than lighter, from the pressure of the superiucumbent weight. As to the heights, my own persuasion is, that, if anything, the most important heights are taken too small rather than too great.* But they are all written down in the six tables for inspection and criticism : and nothing can be easier than to point ont which are too small and which too large. Any information of this kind forwarded to me I will immediately make use of, to correct the results-a work which will cost no labour and take but little time.
4. The calculations in the latter part of the paper of 1855 (after para. 47, p. 87) are more laborious: and here some nnmerical errors have crept in, one of which Mr. Tennant has poiuted out, for which I thanked him in my former letter to you. These errors have no effect, however, upon the results of the paper. This pirt has, moreover, received a revise in my communications sent home last September. The result regar.ling the effect on the curvature of the Indian Are will be modified-increased or diminished-atceord.

[^4]ing to the existence, or not, and the character of, other co-operating disturbing causes.
5. The great importance of this subject in the problem of the Figure of the Earth-not the average figure of the whole earth, which has been sufficiently well deteruined, but of the separate partswill be seen from the following facts:-
I.-Colonel Everest, in his large and valuable volume of 1847, assuming, as Mr. 'Tennant would do, that the Indian Arc is curved like the average ellipse of the earth; and ignoring, as Mr. Tennant would do, the effect of the Himmalayas, brought out this result (see p. claxviii of his Introduction), that by his geodetic computation Kuliana was farther north from Kulianpur by 1-10th of a mile than by the astronomical latitudes. He attributes this important discrepancy to mountain-attraction: but does not prove that mountain-attraction will produce this esact amount of error. My calculation shows that the effect of mountain-attraction is, not only to produce this amount, but a much greater amount, even three times as great: and the only way of making things tally is to assume that the form of the Indian meridian is not that of the average ellipse.
II.-If any one will turn to pp. lxx, lxxi of Colonel Everest's volume he will see the great care with which the amplitudes* of the arcs between Kaliana and Kalianpur, and Kalianpur and Damargida, were observed. For example; for the first, 36 separate stars were observed and the average results taken. Of these separate observations 29 differed from the mean by less than $1^{\prime \prime}$ in excess or defect, 6 by less than $2^{\prime \prime}$ and one was $2^{\prime \prime} \frac{1}{8}$; so near were the individuals to the mean value; and yet, to get an accurate result, 36 observations were thought necessary-showing that even a deviation of $1^{\prime \prime}$ was considered of importance. But Himmalayan attraction produces in this same amplitude (or difference of latitudes) an error of more than $\mathbf{1 5} \mathbf{5}^{\prime \prime}$, and surely cannot be passed by.
III.-It is a fact palpable to the most ordinary observation, that the surface of the earth is not that of a perfect spheroid (or ellipsoid

* The amplitude of an arc of meridian is the difference between the latitudes of the two extremities of the are.
of revolution,) and therefore its parts, at any rate near the surface, do not exert the same amonnt of attraction as if it were a spheroid. For example; mountains rise up on the North of India, and the Oceau spreads to the South. These, no doubt, we may conceive to be removed-the mountains to be pared down to the sea-level, and the deusity of the sea to be increased to that of rock. Were this done, the plumb-line might hang all right, in the true vertical or normal belouging to the surface of a spheroid. But since we cannot actually cut down the mountains, nor fill up the ocean, the plumb)line will not hang right for this purpose. If, therefore, we wish in imagination to remove the mountains and to fill up the ocean, wo must do it by calculating their amount of influence, and allowing for this amount in our calculations. Then we may use the plumbline, with this correction, as the true vertical or normal to an elliptic surface, but not before.

6. My object in writiug these papers has not been to detect and expose flaws in the operations of the Great Trigonometrical Survey -very far from it; but to assist in pointiug out the sources of error, aud the further observations and surveys which are necessary to remedy the evils which must inevitably follow if these sourecs of error are not atteuded to. The claborate and well-executed survey must be utterly useless in determining with accuracy the curvature of the Indian Contiuent, and therefore of mapping the country with high scientific nicety, uuless this is done. Except to suggest a remedy in so important a work, after my attention had been called to it in 1552 by the present Surveyor General, I could never have devoted the timo which has been nevessarily occupied on this highly interesting subject, even with the relief which the assistauce of a practised computer has afforded. The difference in the views which Mr. Temant and I take of the subject must arise frou some misconception which I am unable to fathom.

> J. H. Pratt.

Calcutta, November 9th, 1858.
P. S.-Since the above was written, Colonel R. Strachey has favoured me with some information regarding heights in Tibet. I have given the results of these new data in a third paper to the lioyal Society. 'They do not at all meet the difficulty.

> Fragments of three early Hindu dramatists, Bhisa, Rámila, and Somila.-By Fitz-Edward Hall, M. A.

Elsewhere I have stated my belief that these are the poets who are named, with implied eulogy, near the opening of the Málavikágnimitra.* Bhisa should seem to be also called by the longer name of Bhásaka; aud it may be doubtful, owing to the variations of manuseripts, whether Somila be orthographical, or Saumila. That the author of the Mrálavikígnimitra, to whom these poets were of course autecedent, is the Kálidása of Vikramáditya is, perhaps, questionable. Fet, whoever lie is, he belongs to a respectable antiquity: and such are his own merits that his encomium would scarcely be expected of any competitors but such as once enjoyed considerable repute. In the eusuing verses we have all the remains of these three play-mritersthat appear to have reached the present time. For these few lines we are indebted to the S'arngadhara-paddhati, of which work I have collated several excellent and somewhat venerable copies. I commence with the relics of Bhása, whose era may be carried back, with positiveness, to the seventh century, at the least. $\dagger$ Supplials, in the translations, are indicated by italics.

## क्चस्या ललाटे रचिता सखीभिर्

विभाव्यते चम्द्नपन्लेखा

[^5]झापालुर च्चामकपोलभित्ता-

' Beanteous show the decorative lines of sandal traced on her brow by her attendants; and so the marks, -as it were plasters over wounls from Cupid's shafts,-on the tract of her pale thin cheeks.'

> ट्धिताबाऊपाशस्य कुतोडयमपरे। विधिः। जीवघत्यर्षितः क एले सारयत्यपर्वर्ज्तः ॥ $1 \dagger$

'How different, in operation, from other nooses, is the noose of' i sweetheart's arms! Fastened about the neck, it imparts life; loosened, it produces death.'

कपाले मार्जारो पघ द्रति करान् लेढि भूशिनस् तरीच्द्रद्रोतान् विस्समति करो सङ्लूलति।
रतान्ने तल्पम्बान् हरति वनिताडपंख़कमिति


'The cat laps the moonbeams in the bowl of water, thinking them to be milk. The elephant imagines that the moonbeams piercing through the intervals in the foliage of the trees, are esculent stalks of the water-lily. The mistress, again, after dallyiug, grasps at the moonbeams lying on the bed, taking them for her garments. Oh! the moon, intoxicated with radiance, bewilders the whole world.'

## तीच्त्यां रविस्नपति नीच द्वाडचिराद् यः § <br>  <br> तोयं प्रसीद्ति मुनेरिख कर्मचिन्ना <br> कारी द्रिद्र दूव शोषमुपैपत पङ्षः।।

[^6]'The snn, like the vile, keeuly amoys for a brief season. The deer casts his horns, as the ungrateful man forsakes a friend. Water becomes serene, as does the thought of active duties to the holy sage. The moist soil dries up, as does the wretched lover.'

Rámila and Somila, wherever they have been fonud mentioned, are mentioned in conjunction; the Beaumont and Fletcher, perhaps, of the classical Indian theatre. Only a single stanza of theirs is accessible to me.

> सव्याधे: क्थशता चतस्य रुधिरं दप्टस्य लालासुतिः
> किधिच्या ने तदि हाडसित् तत् क थमसौ। पान्यस्तपखी ग्टतः।
> साज्ञातं मधुल्प्पटैमधुक रेरारख्षकालान्ले नूलं साहसिकेन चूतमुकुले हृष्टि: सभारेपिता।**

' In one who has been ill, there is emaciation; when one is wounded, effusion of blood; and, in the case of a person bitten by a venomous animal, flow of saliva. There is nothing, however, of these in this instance. How, then, did the wandering self-styled ascetic die? Indeed, it is surmised that the rash man cast his eyes on the opening buds of the mango-tree, newly resonant with bees transported with aroma: and so he perished.'
The spring-time is here suggested. The general purport of the stanza is, that the memory of the poor devotee, a mere neophyte, was carried back, by the hnmming of the bees, to other and more genial circumstances; that the reminiscence was too much for his acute sensibility; and that the shock deprived him of existence. Kálidása hinself would not have been disgraced by this conceit.

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## On the Swayamvara of the Ancient IIndus, and its traces in the ancient world generally.-By E. B. Cowell, M. A.

One of the favourite incidents in the heroic poems of the Hindús is the rite ealled Swayamvara or the ehoice of a husband by a princess from an assembly of suitors met from all parts to take their ehance in the lottery. Sueeess is not represented as depending on their own efforts, as in many of our fairy tales, where the knight wins the lady by his own prowess in a tournament; the heroes here submit themselves in silent rivalry to the princess's inspection as she walks along their line, and selects from the throng the favoured suitor by presenting him with a garland, or a cup of water, or some such tokell of regard. The readers of Hindú poctry will at once remember many instanees of this peculiar institution, whieh must have been not uncommon in aetual life as well as in the ideal world of the heroie times, since we find it apparently alluded to in the following passage in Arrian's Indiea. "The Indians neither give nor receive gifts when they marry, but when their daughters are of a marriageable age, their fathers bring them ont publiely, and set them as the prize for the winner in a wrestling or boxing or running matel, or any suelt manly exercise." 'This hardly eorresponds with the praetice as we find it deseribed in Hinciú literature, since Arrian represents the lady as acting a merely passive part, whereas, if we may judge by the poems and by the very name Swayamvara (from "Swayam" " herself," and vara, "choosing,") she had a much more active share in the transaetion.* Dean Milman

[^8]has, to a certain extent, familiarised the English reader with the custom by his spirited translation of the scene in Nala, where Damarantí, the princess of Vidatha (Berár), chooses the prince of Nishadha from the assembly of mingled gods and men.
"On the gods an instant gazed slie-then upon the king of men;
And of right king Bhima's daughter named Nishadha's kirig her lord.
Modestly the large-eyed maiden lifted up his garment's hem,
Round his shoulders threw she lightly the bright zone of radiant flowers."
The Swayamrara of the sister of king Bhoja forms one of the most beautiful episodes in the Raghuvans'a, of which we may ere long hope for an English translation from Professor Griffith, already so farourably known as the translator of the Kumára Sambhava, or " the birth of the Wargod." Similar scenes occur in almost every Hindú poem ; in fact a Swayamvara is nearly as much an established ingredient in Sanskrit epics, as a catalogue of ships or heroes is in those of the west. We need only mention here those in the Naishadha and the Mahábharata; in the latter, besides that of Nala, translated by Dean Milman, we have that of Dranpadi, translated by Professor Wilson. Nay, the rite was so propular with the poets that it is eren made current in the life of the gods; and the Swayanvara of Lakshini forms the subject of the drama, which Urvási is acting before Inḍra with her sister nymphs, when she loses her presence of mind and lets a mortal's name escape from her lips.

In the following pages, I have collected from classical writers some of the more remarkable instances of the prevalence of this custom in other parts of the ancient world as well as Iudia; we shall find traces of its presence in widely different climates, Greece, Gaul and ancient Persia; and in the last case, it may lead to an important and, I believe, hitlerto mnoticed corroboration, from a Greek author, of one of the fine old traditions in Firdausi's Sháhnámel.

The first instance is one which the classical student will easily recall in the 6 th book of Herodotus, where he discusses the rise of the family of the Alcmæonidr, and its great increase of wealth and power by the marriage of Megacles with the danghter of Cleisthenes, the tyrant of Sicyon. This marriage is described as a true Sway-
anvara; Herodotus' account reads like an episode of some ancient poem, when he represents the varions princes and nobles flocking as suitors to the court from the chief cities of the Grecian world. The historian tells the account in his very best manner, how the favoured suitor Hippocleides at last grew presumptuous with success and "danced away" his fortune by his thonghtless frolic, and gave birth to the curreut proverb, ob $\phi \rho o v \tau i s ~ ' I \pi \pi о \kappa \lambda \epsilon$ ' $\delta \eta$, while the young Athenian carried off the bride, aud their descendant in the third generation was Pericles.

Another instance occurs in Justin's narrative of the founding of the city of Marseilles. A colony of Phoceans, under the leadership of Simos and Protis, landed in Gaul near the mouth of the Rhone. On their repairing to the conrt of Nannus, the kiag of the tribe, in whose territory they wished to settle, they found him, as it chanced, engaged in the ceremony of lis daughter's marriage, whom he was preparing to deliver, more gentis, to the bridegroom whom she might select at a banquet. All the invited guests came as suitors, and among the rest the Greek strangers were invited to atteod. At a given moment the maiden is introduced into the assembly, and her father bids her hand water to the man of her choice; when forthwith, uuheeding the others, she turns to the Greeks, and holds out the cup to Protis. The fortunate adventurer thins became the king's son-in-law, and founded Marseilles, where his memory was probably honoured as a patron hero. Athenæus tells the same story, on the authority of a lost work of Aristotle; and adds that there was still a family in Marseilles called Protiade from their founder.*

But the most interesting of all these parallels is one which Athenæus has giveu us in the same place as a quotation from the tenth
 by Chares of Mytilene. . In itself, the narrative wears a peculiarly striking character, all the more so from its entire discomection with any context, as almost every other line of Chares has perished; aud the actors of the scene appear and vanish abruptly, without our

[^9]being able, from classic sources, to identify their persous or times. We give it in the historian's words.
" Zariadres was the younger brother of Mystaspes, and both were fair, and the people say of them that they were born of Venus and Adonis. Hystaspes rnled over Media and the region below it, and Zariadres over the country above the Caspian gates as far as the T'anais. Now Omartes, the king of the Marathi, a tribe beyond the Tanais, had a daughter named Odatis; and of her runs a legeud that she once saw Zariadres in a dream and fell in love with him, and the same thing likewise happened with him towards her. For some time they continued thns, loviug each other from the image in the drean. Now Odatis was the fairest of all the women iu Asia, aud Zariadres too was fair; but on his asking her in marriage of her father, Omartes would not consent, as he had no male child, and he wished to marry her to some one of his own people. And uot loug after, Omartes summoned all the nobles of his kingdom and all his friends and relations, and made a marriage feast, but told no one who it was that should marry his daughter. At length when the feast was at jts height, he called Odatis into the banquethall, aud said to her iu the heariug of all the gnests, ' Oh my danghter Odatis, we are now making thy marriage feast; look round therefore on the gnests and view them all, and take a golden cup and fill it, and give it to him whom thon choosest as thy husband; for his wife shalt thon be.' And she theu, looking round upon all, walked sadly away, longing to see Zariadres; for she had previously sent a message to him, how that her marriage was about to be solemuised. Now he chanced at the time to be encamped by the Tanais, aud immediately ou heariug it, he left the army secretly and crossed with only his charioteer ; and mounting his chariot by uight, came riding through the city, having driven more thau 800 stadia. As he drew near the festal place where they were holding the marriage, he left his atteudant with the chariot hard by, and marched boldly in, having put ou a Scythian dress. Ou his entering the hall, be beheld Odatis standing before the sideboard, and weeping bitterly as she slowly filled the cup; and standing close by her, he said iu a low voice, ' O Odatis, I am come as thou badest, I thy Zariadres.' And she, turning round, beheld the stranger, fair to the
eye and like to him whom she had seen iu the dream, and overjoyed she gave to him the cup; and he, seizing her in his arms, bore her away to his chariot and fled. And the servants and handmaidens, who knew of their love, stood silent, and when her father charged them to speak, they said that they knew not whither she was gone. And this story of their love is known among all the barbariaus who dwell in Asia, and greatly indeed do they prize it, and they sculpture it upon their temples aud palaces, aye and even in their private houses; and many of the nobles call their daughters Odatis after her."

Firdausi's great national epic is a Mausoleum in which he has embalmed all his comntry's ancient heroes, and inscribed all the old names associated with her days of independence, before her glories succumbed to Islam at Cadesia. He tells us that he collected his materials from the legends which he fom floating amongst the Dihkins or landed proprietors* of Persia, more especially in the remoter provinces. He thus gathered together the fragments of "Border Minstrelsy," and incorporated them in his own great poem, which, far from being a mere tissue of his own inventions, like Ariosto's Orlando, was meant to be a faithful moumment of all that was remembered of Persia's heroic times.

That his work contains so little that is available for historical researches, arises from various causes, but there is no need to increase their number by supposing wanton iufidelity to his trust on the part of the poet. So few of the Greek writers on Oriental subjects are preserved, that we have hardly any means left us to test

[^10]these legends; and the very form in which we have them has been doubtless subjected to continual changes, as they floated on the lips of successive generations, ere they were stamped by Firdausi (A. D. 1000) into their present permanent shape. As it is, they bear all the marks of a legendary age,-deficient in everything but spirit and imagination,-and it is hopeless to construct a system from their chaos. Still such a system might have been partly possible, had Ctesias and Chares been preserved to us,-many a legend which now lies buried under its surrounding inventions, would have started into a new siguificance, if we could have compared it with some Greek account, which had preserved the true lineaments of the story.

The legend of Odatis, which has been casually saved by Athenæus' quotation from Chares, is a siugle specimen,-we have nothiug else of the kind ; but this legend is at once to be recognised in the Shálnámeh; and the striking confirmation thus presented makes us realise how much we have lost in the wreck of Greek Oriental history.

Lohrásp, the king of Persia, had irritated his son Gushtísp by his excessive partiality for his children by another wife. Gushtásp in despair first fled towards India, but is followed by his uterine brother Zarír (Zariadres,) who persnades him to return to his father's court. He is, however, again provoked to fly, and he now bends his course to Rám. On arriving at the capital, he in vain seeks for employment in the court, aud, failing this, in the bazar; and he is well nigh reduced to desperation, when a Dihkán, in a neiglibouring village, takes pity on his forlorn condition, and lodges him as a guest in his house. Of the remainder of the story we add a literal version, line for line with the original as given in Macan's edition, vol. ii. pp. 1038-1040.

The Kaisar of Rún cast about in his mind, That, since his daughter was now of age,
Her star of fortune high, and she ripe for marriage,
It was time that she were given to a husband.
He would gather an assembly in his palace
Of all his wise nobles and counsellors,

There should meet together all his peers, And his men of renown, lofty of stature. In her father's palace that moon-faced maiden Was to wander through that assembly, seeking a husband, And her maidens were to stand rouud her in a ring, That no man might see her lofty crown. Now at that time behind the Kaisar's pardah, Were three daughters like roses in spring, Fair in stature and counteuance and gentle manners, Fair too in judgment, modesty and virtue. The eldest of them all was Kitáyún by vame, And wise was she, bright-hearted and happy. And one night Kitáyún had seen a dream,She had seen a landscape bright with sunshine, And a band of chieftains had appeared in her sight In a bright eluster like the Pleiades; And amidst them all was a stranger, A gallant exile desolate-hearted, His stature a cypress, his face like the moon, And he sat as a king sits on his throne.
And Kitáyún, in her dream, gave him a garland, And she took from him another, full of colours and scents, in return.
In the inorning when the sun came forth, The nobles all awoke from their slumbers, And the Kaisar called a great assembly together, None of great or puissant but was there ; Glad they hastened to the assembly, And they called the peri-faced princess in. With her sixty handmaidens came Kitáyún, A bunch of fresh narcissuses in her hand, And she walked along until saduess came over her, For not in that assembly was the man of her choice.
And she turned from the hall and went back to her chamber, Walking slowly and weeping and with a longing heart. Then the earth became black like a raveu's wing, Till the sun again lifted his head from the mountaius.

Then the Kaisar commanded that from the meu of low degree To the men of highest wealth and birth in Rúm,
All should come with one mind to the palace,
If among them might be found one whom the princess approved.
When the news spread through the city,
To the nobles and high and low,
All turned their faces to the palace of the king,
Each, in his hope, full of colours and perfume.
And the good Dihkáu said to Gushtásp,
" How long sittest thou hidden in thy cell?
" Come, for if thou seest the palace and its pomp,
"Perchance thy heart may lose its burden of grief."
When Gushtásp heard this, he rose and went with him,
And he hastened to the palace of the king ;
And he erept to a corner, away from the great men,
And sat him down, full of grief and with a wounded soul.
The attendants came forth with watchful hearts,
Kitáyún and her rose-cheeked handmaidens,
And she slowly walked round her father's hall,
Her wise men behind her and her maidens before.
When from afar she beheld Gushtásp,
She exclaimed, "My dream has lifted its head from darkness!"
And she decked the head of the gallant youth
'That same moment with her royal crown.
When the wise vizier beheld her deed,
At once he ran before the Kaisar,
"Slie hath chosen a man from out the crowd,
"In height like a tall cypress in the garden,
"With a cheek like a rosegarden, and broad shoulders,-
"All who look on him are lost in wonder.
"'Thou would'st say, ' he was the strength of the Almighty!'
"But I know him not, who he is."
Him answered the king, "God forbid that my danghter
"Should bring shame from behind the curtain on her race.
"If I give my daughter to a fellow like this.
"My head will he down in dishonour.
"Go take her, and him too whom she hath chosen,
"And their heads shall be smitten off in the palace." The vizier replied, "This is no such direful matter ; "Many a noble hath done thus before thee. "'Ihou badest thy daughter choose a husband,
"'Thou said'st not that she was to choose none but a king.
"She sought for one who might please her heart ;
"Turn not then thy face from the path of God.
"Such hath been the custom of thy ancestors, "Those proud and righteous pure ones;
"By this law hath Rúm been established on its base;
" Wander not thou in a desert land.*
"Thy words are unblessed, utter them not, "And stray not in a path untrodden by thee before."
When the Kaisar heard his words, he made his resolve To give his peerless daughter to Gushtásp, But he said to her, " Go with him such as thou art, "Never shalt thou have treasure or crown or signet from me." Wheu Gushtâsp beheld this, he marvelled greatly, And he called to witness the Maker of the world. Then he turned and spake to the royal maiden, "Oh thou brought up in softness and delicacy, With a rank so lofty and a crown thine own, Why hath thine heart chosen such as me?
Thou hast chosen an outcast, and with him no treasure Shalt thou find, but thou must pine with him in sorrow. Oh seek thine equal among these nobles, That thy face may yet be bright before thy father.'"
Kitáyún made answer, "Oh jealous one, "Vex not thyself with the decrees of heaven ; "Since I am content with thee as my husband, " Why seek'st thou crown, or sceptre or throne ?" Then sadly walked out of the Kaisar's hall Kitáyún and Gushtásp with many a sigh, And they came to the house of the Dihkán, Aud sat them down shrinking and sad.

[^11]We need hardly stay to dwell at length on the many points of coincidence between the legend of Chares and this of Firdausi. Gushtásp, Zarír, the dream, the Swayamvara and its denouement are at once prominent in both, and point unmistakeably to a common sonrce. The very differences are not withont a meaning; the Persian recension has naturally linked the tale to its national hero, Gushtásp, in preference to the less famed brother, Zarír; and instead of the 'Tanais and the Marathi, we have the more familiar Rúm of Firdansi's own time. But the peculiar features of the ancient story remain unchanged amidst the fluctuations of time and place; it is still the old legend which was "known among all the dwellers of Asia" and "sculptured on their temples and palaces." Chares of Mytilene hands it to the grammarian of Alexandria, who preserves it through the dark ages in the west; while in its own land it lives in the memories of the people, (volitat vivu' per ora virum,) through all the chauges of Arsacidæ, Sasanidæ and Molaammedans, until Firdansi arises under Mahnúd of Ghazni, and stereotypes it from the lips of the Dibkáus of his day.

Report on Geological Specimens from the Persian Gulf collected by Lieut. C. G. Constable, I. N.-By H. J. Carter, Esq., Bombay.

This Report bas, so far as the Persian Gulf is concerned, been drawn up partly on Geographical, and entirely on Geological, data specimens and sketches furnished by Lieut. C. G. Constable, I. N., who, assisted by Lieut. A. W. Stiffe, also of the I. N., has been, and still is, employed in surveving parts of the Gulf; and in whose accuracy I bave reason from actual experience, to place every coufidence.

Geography.-Sailing northwards from Muscat, we observe that the great chain of mountains behind the town known by the name of Jibel Akdthur, or the "Green Mountaius," is continued on to Ras Mussundum, which forms the western promontory of the Persian Gulf, where they suddenly sink to an altitude of 400 feet, while not more than thirty miles further back there is a point 6,700 feet high. The Straits themselves are also about thirter miles broad, and on the opposite side the land slopes into the sea with a more or less even shore and without promontory for a considerable distance north and south, forming a strong contrast with the intensely fretted out and rocky termination of the chain on the Arabiau side. Striking, however, as the contrast is at these two points, there are two mountains within sight of Ras Mussundan on the opposite coast, which are respectively 8,500 and 5 to 6,000 feet above the level of the sea; the first, which is Jibel Shemeel, is about 70 miles nortliward, and the other, called Jibel Bees, about 60 miles eastward. 'These, then must be regarded as the two pillars of the Straits on the eastern or Asiatic side.

Again, from the Straits westwards, if we trace the shores of the Gulf, it will be observed, that while the north-eastern side is bordered by the mountainous chain of which Jibel Shemeel forms a part and which continued on north-westwards up into Khourdistan, borders the Mesopotamian valley under the name of the Khourd Mountain, the south-western or Arabian side is, with the exception of a low hill here and there, only a few feet above the level of the sea, from the western promontory of the Straits
up to the town of Konett at the top of the Gulf, aud even far berond this into the plains of Mesopotamia.

Lastly, turning our attention to the Persian Gulf itself, we find that although the bottom is, as a matter of course, more or less uneven, yet that it shallows generally, from the great fault marked by the chain of mountains ou the north-eastern side on towards the Arabian coast. Hence the deep water, which nowhere exceeds 50 fathoms, is all ou the Persian side, while a greater part of that on the south-western half of the Gulf, especially where the great Pearl Banks are situated, is not more than 10 fathoms deep.

The principal Islands, too, are all on the Persim side and towards the mouth of the Gulf, while those which are in the south-western half are, with the exceptiou of Bahrein, alnost all insignificant, either from their little size or low altitude.

Geology.-On entering the Gulf, Lieut. Constable's specimens from Ras Mussundum show that this promontory and the mountains about it, are chiefly composed of a more or less fine, compact, leadblue passing into black, linestone, which in some parts is fossiliferous, as the remains of a large Pecten attached to some of the specimens proves.

Passing further in we come to the islands of Larrack and Hormuz, which are twelve miles apart, and the former about twenty-six miles north of Ras Mussundnm. Larrack is 400, and Hormuz 700 feet high. From Larrack we have specular iron-ore as its characteristic ; and from Hormuz, rocksalt, sulphur, grpsum, specular iron-ore, and pyrites. Hormuz is described as consisting of a plane of salt-rocks about 50 feet above the level of the sea, out of which rise several white peaks which attain the altitude mentioned. Around these the salt-rocks present a dreary waste of ridges and ravines covered with a soft red earth, which has been eliminated from their interstices by deliquescence of the salt duriug the moist and raing weather. 'The white peals, on the other hand, are composed of $a^{*}$ greenish-white jasperous rock, like au ill-formed or decomposing diorite, charged with nodules of pyrites and inteusely impregnated with salt; this rock looks like a pseudo-trap diorite, that is, a trapdiorite which has accidentally become mixed with stratified deposits during its fluidits.

Passing on to the island of Kishm, which is within ten miles of Hormuz, and the largest by far in the Persian Gulf, being about 55 miles long, but very uarrow; the specimens and descriptions of this island show that it presents the same kinds of rocks as those of Hormuz and Larrack, bat in addition to these there is a stratified sedimentary formation upou it of great extent, and upwards of 500 feet in thickness.

The latter is particularly well seen about the town of Kishon, which is situated at the eastern end of the island, in long inclines terminatiug in bluff precinices, some of which are 570 feet high. Again at Bassadore, which is situated at the opposite or western end of the island, it is equally well seen in the form of flat-topped precipitous elevations called the "Great" and "Little Hummucks," of which the former is 500 feet high.

This formation consists of upwards of 500 feet of calcareous clar, capped by from 30 to 40 feet of a more or less coarse, aud more or less consolidated, detritus of shells and calcareous grit.

The clay is of a light grey colonr, very fine cousistence, effervesces violently with acids, and is reined throughout with fibrous gypsum. It is also very plastic, and is used extensively in Kishm for pottery. Some portious bear impressions of bisalves, but those which I have are too imperfect for description.

The detritus of shells, again, may be coarse or fine to almost chalky. The shells are semifossilized, easily separated from the mass in which they are imbedded, and bear such a resemblance to those of the present day that they appear to be the last raised from the bottom and sides of the Gulf. Whether this formation is contormable to the clay beneath, and whether the two belong to the same, or to two different geological epochs, finther observation must determine.

Thirteen miles from Bassadore on the same island, are " the Salt Caverns" where a green trap-diorite is fomm, specular iron-ore, sulphur, \&c. as at the islands of Larrack and Hormoz, and these volcanic products, as well as the sedimentary formation, we shall presently see, are also extended to the mainland or coast opposite.

After the island of Kishn, we come to the great and Little 'lombs, Polior Nobflure and Surree; the furthest not more than 55, and the nearest only $\mathbf{1 5}$ miles from the western end of Kishm; and here
again in each, we have most of the characters of the forcgoing islands, viz., green trap-diorite, specular iron-ore, gypsum, salt, sulphur, \&c., as well as a white calcareous grit containing semi-fossilized shelis, similar to that which caps the chay on the island of Kishm, but the clay appears to be absent. Here the calcareous deposit is identical with that which I have called "Milliolite," on the south-east coast of Arabia and with that " free-stone" from Khattiawar imported at Bombay under the name of "Porebunder Stone." That from Polior and the Great and Little Tombs contains a large caucellated Lucina, characteristic of the same formation at Morbat on the south-east coast of Arabi:1; also Tridacna, Avicula margaritifera, or the common Pearl-Oyster, Fistulana, a small Echinus, Corals, \&c.

From the island of Aboo Moosa, a little to the south of the latter, the characteristic specimens are again the "Milliolite" resting on the veined clay; and there is a compact yellow limestone peak probably of Eocene age which rises to 370 feet above the level of the sea; but there are no volcanic products here.

Going back to the Persian side of the Gulf, we have again the "Minliolite" characterizing the islands of Kais, Hindi Arabi and Monakeyla, all situated very near the shore; but no longer any volcanic products in either.

Lasty, wearrive at the islands of Karrack and Khago, which are close togrether, and about 35 miles north-west of Bushire. Karrack presents the same kiud of sedimentary formation as that of the island of Kishm ; but here the clay is changed for a very fine laminated sinuly deposit with little scales of nita, capped, however, as usual with the course shelly deposit.

The rock from Khago is a calcareous gravelly "Milliohite," composed chiefly of rommded pieces of shells firmly cousolidated. The same kind of rock also forms the islets of Hargooz, Farsee, Arabi, and El Kram, which are situated near together more towards the Arabian side of the Gulf, about 80 miles south of Karrack.

Returning to the Persian side, on the manland opposite Bassadore is a sulphur mine, which is much worked by the Arabs, aud about 20 miles further on is the town of Ling:a, close to which are hills of fine diorite like that near Muscat; and a little to the west of these, we come again upon the sedimentary formation first seen at Kishm,
which is here raised up into a hill 330 feet high, aud on the top of which is the fort of Kalah Leshtan. As at Kishm, 30 feet of the top consist of a coarse, shelly detritus, and the 300 feet below of clay thickly reined with fibrous gypsum. Still further on, at Jilla elAbed, which is opposite the island of Khais, we have trap-diorite again and specular irou-ore with rock salt.

Beyond this, at Assaloo, we have the characteristic gypseous formations of the coast, viz. earthy and massive white, crypto-crystalline gypsum ; and at 'Tahree again, we meet with the "Milliolite," sloping up from the shore a little distance from the sea, so as to form an inclined plane with a scarp behind, in which an iunumerable quantity of troughs of different lengths have beeu cut at right angles to the inclination, and which, from the number of wells present, would appear at some remote period to have been used as a garden, perhaps for supplying the town, which now lies in extensive ruins a little distance off on the shore; there are also holes in the precipitous parts of this incline, where it has been eut through by ravines, which appear to bave been used for sepulchral purposes; but Lieut. Constable, who has a full description of the whole, will one day, I trust, lay his interesting account of this locality before the public.

Lastly, at Bushire we have the same kind of fine samdy deposit capped by shell-detritus or shell-concrete as that of Karrack, indicating that the nearer we get to the Shat el Arab, from which the whole has probably been derived, the coarser the sedinent becomes, while the further off we go, as at Kishm, the more subtle it is. At Bushire there also appears to be a still more modern shellconcrete.

Observations.-Hence we learn that there are two striking geological features at least 11 the Persian Gulf. One the presence of a sedimentary formation of more than 500 feet thickness, which has been raised above the level of the sea; and the other, the existence of a volcanic area, including all the islands at the easteru end of the Gulf and part of the mainland, which is characterized by the presence of trap-diorite and a great development of rock-salt, gypsum, sulphur, pyrites, specular iron-ore, \&c.

The type of the sedimeutary deposit we have found to be upwards of 500 feet of fine calcareous clay veined with fibrous gypsum, and
capped by 20 to 30 feet of a calcareous, slelly grit more or less coarse, more or less challiy in consistence, and in which the shells are semifossilized or semi-lapidified. Whether these two distinct deposits are conformable to each other or not I am ignorant, but the sketches of them which I possess are in favour of the former; at the same time, although conformable, they may contain fossils of different geological epochs, which would prevent their being grouped together. Unquestionably the calcareous shelly grit of Kishn is identical with the same formation, slightly modified, in the other parts of the Gulf, and which modification identifies it with the same deposit on the south-east coast of Arabia aud that on the outer or western coast of Khattywar in India, which I have termed " Milliolite," and assigned provisionally to the Miocene era. Provisionally, therefore, it might be as well to consider that of the Persian Gulf together with the clay, also Miocene.

Another interesting point then presents itself, viz.-When were the volcanic islands of the Gulf raised above the sea? Aud this seems to be answered by the position of the Miocene formatiou at the island of Kishm, which, resting upon these rocks, and being capped with a material which must have been deposited at the bottom of the sea, proves that the elevation of these islands, or this volcanic out-burst, took place after the Miocene period, and was the last great convulsive displacement to which the earth, under and about the Persian Gulf, has been exposed; for there has not been any other subsequent sedimentary deposit of any consequence raised above, or probably deposited in, the sea of the Persian Gulf since that period.

Having arrived so far then, we may with profit, perhaps, trace this volcauic agency a little further, and first followiug the Mekran coast on to Kurrachee, we find an estensive area in the province of Luss, where this disturbance is still ili great activity ; not, however, pouring forth fire and lava, but sulphurous gas and water, which, bubbling through a clay deposit of great thickness, has thus formed mud-mountains and mud-craters over an area between the highland of the interior and the sea which occupies the greater part of this province. Moreover, the very same kind of sedimentary formation, equally broken up too as that on the islund of Kishm, characterizes
this area torards the sea, and from thence, as I have stated in my "Summary of the Geology of India," is continned on into Lower Sind.

But what struck me forcibly in the portions of mud from these mud-volcauoes, which were sent to the Society by Mr. H. B. Frere, Commissioner in Sind, was the presence of calcareous matter mixed with sulphur and passing into gypsum or sulphate of lime,-connected with the great development of impure rock gypsum (that is gypsum veining an aluminous, earthy, consolidated base, which, from Lieut. Constable's specimen, appears to exist throughout the sub-range of mountains between the highland and the sea all along the north-easteru side of the Persiau Gulf, indicating that this has beeu formed iu a similar way, and that the process above described is going on now and has existed for ages.

Now carrying our speculation out a little further, and going to the upper end of the Gulf, we may reasomably infer that as the same range of mountains bordering the north-eastern Const of the Persian Gulf is continued on into Persia, and up into Khourdistau under the name of the Khourd Mountains, forming the north-eastern boundary of the vale of Mesopotamia, in which springs of asphalt abound, -the same sonrce of subterrmean disturb:mee, (probably a carbouiferous deposit mixed with pyrites) exists throughout; and finds its different outlets all along the great crack or fault in the earth, which must accompany the precipitous or south-western face of this highland tract.

Furthermore, it is not improbable that the so called "marbles" of Nimroud and of all the great cities which have existed in this vale that have been brought to light, and which are chiefly composed of mottled impure rock-gypsum, precisely like that of the hills on the shores of the Persian Gulf, have been obtained from quarries iu the sub-ranges of the Khourd Mountaius. Lastly, might it not have been the outburst of volcanic matter which we now kuow to have been that which threw up the Miocene formation of the Persian Gulf, and the last upheaval, apparently, of any consequence in this sea, that caused the disturbance of level in the vale of Mesopotamia, which led to the overflowing of these cities with the mud under which they now lie buried and thus concealed from view.

Perhaps in no part of the world could the phenomena connected
with the formation of rock-salt, rock-gypsum, sulphur-pyrites, and specular iron-ore, be studied with such ease, certainty and success, as along the sub-ranges of mountains which extend from Mekran up into Khourdistan.

Of the formation composing the highland I can only infer, as the scarps are said to present a white aspect, that it is capped by the eocene limestone, which forms part of it when extended into Arabia on one side and into Beloochistan and Sind on the other.

Memorandum on Education in China drawn up from information afforded by the Ex-Imperial Commissioner Yeh.-By C. Alabaster, Esquire.

Elucation in China is so much influenced by the direct as well as indirect patronage of the State as to be there rather a Government than, as in most other countries, a public institution; not only does Government in great measure support it by the establishment of free Schools at every official station in the Empire, but, by keeping the Public Examinations in its own hauds and by making these the only means of gaining rank or position, it prescribes the nature and extent of the knowledge chiefly acquired for their attainment.

The theory on which it acts seems to be that of Confincius, the wisdom of which the long stability of the Chinese Empire has tested, that to make men good subjects you have only to make them wise, to do which, it is only necessary to gove them education; and again, that thongh a strong Government, keeping the people domu by severity, may prevent their rebelling, it is only a good one ruling them by persuasion, that can prevent their desiring and seeking to do so.

This theory, having been adopted, has been put in practice in China for centuries, the measures takeu for its efficient working reflecting the highest credit on Chinese statesmen.

First.-All official employment has, until very lately, when this rule has been most unhappily deviated from, been the reward of knowledge, representing as it does in Chinese minds, wisdom, knowledge only to be acquired by following the course of study prescribed by Government.

Secondly.- The Emperor, by his example and by his periodical exhortations, sets and keeps up the fashion, and by making the interior not the exterior of a man the test by which his pretensions to position are determined, causes his subjects to devote more care to the former than to the latter.

And lastly, by keeping up a system by which all the burthens of the state fall on the rich ignoramuses, while all the prizes fall to the scholars, the spirit of economy, so strong in Chinese breasts, is enlisted in the pursuit of knowledge.

Thus, Education is so widely spread in China, that Yeh, wheu asked how they managed to do justice there, none of the Maudarius being able to speak the local dialects, was able to say, Why, very easily: all the depositions a re written down and submitted to the parties interested, and there is not a single household in China which has not at least one member able to read.

The elementary schools are, however, all in private hands, and so early do the Clinese youth commence their studies, that the rudiments are always taught at liome, one Chinese philosopher, indeed, saying that education should commence previous, not subsequent to, birth, and the sage Mercuis is cited as an instance of the favorable results of this course being followed.

Having then learnt his A B C at home, or more correctly, having had his eye familiarized with the writteu character by getting up a certain number of easy simple signs answering to our pothooks and hangers, and been instructed in a few ordinary rules of decorum and behaviour, the young student is, if his father is too much engaged to attend to his instruction himself, and too poor to hire a tutor to do it for him, sent off to a prblic day School, where a little book is put into his hand which he has to learn by rote, and having thas accomplished the first drudgery of his life, it is explained to him ; the first sentence impressing on him that he is by nature good, and that if he becomes depraved, he is then in an abnormal and umatural condition.

To give him time to digest this and other similar pieces of wisdom, a second book, more difficult than the former, is given him to be learut by rote, before it is explained, and having mastered this, he is
advanced to a higher class and the glorious study of Confucius is opened to him.

By the time he has learnt the four books by heart, and has read some of the commentaries upon them, he has finished the curriculum of study taught at ordinary schools, and, unless his family think his talents are sufficient to promise success at the examinations, his course of study; returning to his family utterly deficient in all scientific knowledge, believing that the world is flat, and that three quarters of it are Chinese, ignorant of Mathematics and caring little how far it is to the moon, but fully impressed with the truths that honesty is the best policy, that if you would be respected, you must respect others, that it is your duty to honor your parents and lay down your life for your prince, that you should never do wrong under any circumstances whatever, that you will do more by reforming yourself than by seeking to improve others, and that it is advantageous to tell the truth to your friends.

Should, however, the student shew signs of talent, his family subscribe to hire a tutor for him to read with, or he offers himself as a candidate for admission at one of the Government Schools, where, if successful, he has the advantage of receiving the instruction of the best masters, gratis, until he is qualified to try for a degree.

In these Schools, the Masters of which receive salaries varying from 4 to 40 Pounds a month, the books written by the ancient sages, edited by Confucius, are read with the numerous commentaries upon them, and the living commentary history, is studied; here too they are first initiated into the mystery of paraphrasing the moral maxims of the ancients and of writing themes upon them.

They now go in for their first degree, being equally able to compete if they have studied at home instead of at these public Colleges, and if successful, their education is thenceforth the care of the State. Educational Officers being appointed to assist and direct then, keeping up the spirit of emulation in them by frequent trials and examinations.

Many, however, now give up their studies, seeking employment as teachers in the schools or as tutors in private families and sometimes sacrificing their pride to their covetousness, becoming clerks in Public Offices.

Such as persevere, and there are instances of men doing so sixty years, become gradually perfect in the art of writing essays, and take their next degree, which renders them eligible for office, and, unless they prefer giving up their anbition for a tutorship, eurols them in the large band of expectants, as they are called, who, in the hopes of gaining a post at some future day, give their services gratis until that time.

There is a higher degree than this, which, if you wish it, gives you office the moment you obtain it, but the examination for it is so strict and so severe, that comparatively few pass it; for this, you are not obly required to paraphrase or write essays on texts taken from the four books, or the five classics, and to be well read in the listory of China, but, the Ex-Commissioner says, must be able to write essays on subjects like the following:-" The dews fall in Autumn" shewing the conncetion between this extract from the Book of Odes and the system of taxation, in short to shew how every act of Govermment is, or rather might be, based ou the classics.

This, as the degree of Master in Masonry, is the highest generally taken, but there is one still higher couferred by the Emperor himself, assisted by the greatest scholars in the Empire, this constitutes the successful candidate, a Menber of the Imperial College of the Hanlin, where he is employed writing state papers until the Emperor has need of his services as an administrative Mandarin, or despatches him on some special mission, the diplomatists of China being generally selected from this body.

Thus, from the commencement of their education to its termination, Moral Philosophy is their ouly study, having mastered that they are then, says Confucius, wise, and as the wise man, he adds, is not a kettle, meaning thereby that he is fit for all purposes, not for one*only, he is qualified to act as Judge and put his fellowmen to death, although, like Yeh, he has never opened a law book, as a revenue Officer, although ignorant of Arithmetic, or as an Engineer, although he has never heard of Geometry.

The explanation Yelu gives of this is, that the Chinese Officials always keep clerks to look up the law of a case, while they elicit the facts, or to make any calculations that may become necessary, a
latitude always being allowed, justice rather than equity being looked for in their Courts, and a surplus, rather than a nicely adjusted balance, in their accounts.

They have no industrial, agricultural or Art-Schools, sons, generally following in the footsteps of their fathers, thus rendering these unnecessary, for though, says the Ex-Commissioner their establishment might lead to improvement, they are not reqnired, things going on very well as they are, and no improvement being wanted.

The study of languages is also neglected, for, as Yeh says, all foreigners who go to China learn Chinese, and what is the use of our taking all the tronble of learning foreigu langnages, to no end, for he ignores or disbelieves the fact, that foreign literature could give him many new ideas; in short, all knowledge, save of the writings of the wise men of China, is considered useless and unprofitable.

But although the area is so circnmscribed, it takes a long time travelling over, so slowly do they progress, and some are thirty or forty years at their books, before they can take even the first degree, it is possible, homever, to take them all at an early age, an instance being mentioned of a boy of sixteen gaining a chair in the Imperial College, while Yeh was only nineteen when he took his first, and nine and twenty when he took his last degree,-knowledge being the sole qualification required.

The final examination, that for the degree of Hanlin, is held by the Emperor himself, assisted by the wisest members of the College, that for the next or Doctor, is also held at Pekin, the expenses of the successfnl candidates from and back to their villages, being defrayed by Government even for the next, that equivalent to the Euglish Master of Arts examination, it is thought necessary to send special Examiners down from Pekin, who, while on their Mission, rank with the highest provincial authorities, the last degree alone being conferred by the Literary Chancellor, an Official equal in rank to thic Lieutenant-Governor of a Province.

Such is a brief sketch of male edncation, which, widely spread as it is, exercises a powerful influence over the Chinese mind, but which, ignoring as it does religion, as Yeh confesses, merely checks upen vice and ntterly fails in its great object to make men good. -

Female education is not so widely spread: the female members of a family having their cookery aud embroidery to fill up the hours, which, in the absence of all amusement, the boy is compelled to devote to his books; but girls nearly always receive some instruction from their parents, and if of good family are expected to be able to read and make verses.

There are instances of Chinese ladies devoting themselves to literature, and some of their best listories are written by women, but as there is nothing tangible to be gained by female learning, the Chinese ladies rarely go beyoud the four books, even if they go so far, and having accomplished this, they return to their kitchen, where, more fortunate than their husbands, they acquire at least one useful science.

Save in the Prorince of Kuangtung (Canton) there are no girlschools in the Clinese Empire, and as the Ex-Commissioner's modesty prevented his investigating their internal arrangements, we have no certain knowledge on this point ; it is also customary in some places for daily Governesses to be employed, but the ExCommissioner is also quite unable to give any iuformation respecting them.

## PROCEEDINGS

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For December, 1858.

The Monthly General Meeting of the Society was held on the 1st instant.
A. Grote, Esq., Vice-President, in the Chair.
'The proceedings of the last meeting were read and confirmed.
Presentations were received.-
1.-From Dr. Theo. Cantor, vol. I. of the Ichthyologiae Archipelagi Indici Prodromus by Doctor Bleeker.
2.-From the Secretary Royal Society of Antiquaries at Copenhagen, several publicatious of that Society.
3.-From the Secretary Royal Society of London, several Nos. of the Society's Proceedings, Vols. 146 and 147 of the Philosophical Transactions of the Society, and several cther publications.
4.-From the Secretary Geological Society of Dublin, throngh Mr. Oldham, several vols. of the Journal of that Society.
5.-From the Secretary Government of Bengal, copy of a report on the Survey operations of the Lower Provinces for 1856-57.
6.-From Baboo Onongomohun Deb Mitter, a copy of the Mittra Bungsabulli.

Maharaja Suttish Chunder Roy Bahadoor, proposed by A. Grote, Esq., and secouded by the President was uamed for ballot at the next meeting.

Mr. C. Alabaster proposed by A. Grote, Esq., and seconded by W. S. Atkinson, Esq., was also named for bullot at the next meeting. The Council reported.
I.-Recommending that Dr. Max Müller proposed by A. Grote, Esq., and secouded by E. B. Cowell, Esq., as a corresponding member, be named for ballot at the next meeting.
2.-That they had appointed a Committee for the examination of the Stacy coins received tbrough Major Ferris. That the Committee had examined them, and given in their report, stating that, with a few inconsiderable exceptions the coins were correct according to the Catalogue. They had therefore emporered the Committee to order the payment of the sum named for the coius to Captain Wroughton, and to purchase an iron safe, should it be necessary for the security of the collection.

Communications were received-
1.-From the Venerable Archdeacon Pratt, a rejoinder to Capt. Temnant's reply to his paper on the Meridional Arc.
2.-From C. Alabaster, Esq., two catalogues of the bound and unbound Chinese Books in the Society's Library.

Resolved that the thanks of the Society be given to Mr. Alabaster.
3.-From the Officiating Under-Secretary Government of Iudia, copy of a despatch from the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of the Punjaub, communicating particulars of what has been ascertained regarding the fate of Mons. A. Schlagintweit.

From R. Temple, Esq. Secretary to the Chief Commissioner for the Punjaub.

To G. F. Edmonstone, Esq. Secretary to the Government of India Foreign Department, with the Governor General.

Dated Lahore, the 15th October, 1858.
Sir,-I am directed to forward for the information of His Lordship the Governor General, copies of a letter and enclosures from the Commissioner Trans-Sutlej States, dated 5th Instant, from which it appears that Mr. A. Schlagintweit, Magnetic Surveyor, was taken prisoner by the Indijans about twelve or fourteen months ago, and if not killed by them, as is currently rumoured, must be still in captivity.

> I have the honor, to be, \&c.
> W. Wrid, Captain,
> Assistant Military Secretary, for Secretiry.

Fiom Major E. Lake, Commissioner and Supdt. Trans-Sutlej States. To R. Temple, Esq., Seeretary to Chief Commissioner, Panjaub. Dated Dhurmsala, the 5th October, 1858.
Sin,--I have the honor to forward for the information of the Chief Commissioner the copy of a letter dated 2nd October, 185s, to my address from the Deputy Commissioner Kaugra, together with a translation of the statement of Kutuballee Shah Yarkundee. If his information is to be depended upon, Mr. A. Schlagintweit must have been taken prisoner by the Iudijans about twelve or fourteen months ago; and if not killed by them, (as is currently rumoured) must be in captivity.
2. Iu obedience to demi-official instructions of the Chief Commissioner, Major 'Iaslor deputed in June last, messengers specially to Yarkmad for the purpose of procuriug more defiuite intelligence regarding Mr. Schlagintweit. Their return may be shortly expected.

> I hare the honor, to be, \&c.
> E. Lake,

From the Deputy Commissioner, Kangra.

## To the Commissioner and Superintendent Trans-Sutlej States.

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\text { Dated, Dhurmsala, 2nd October, } 185 \mathrm{~S} .
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Sir, - I have the honor to subjoin an extract from a demi-official communication from Mr. G. Knox, Assistant Commissioner of Kooloo, together with a translation of the Vernacular statement sent.

2nd. The account has the appearance of being true and circumstantial ; if it is so, and the account forwarded by the missionaries from Lahoul has also fonndation, Mr. Schlagintweit must have long surrived his first capture, as according to the story told to the missionaries he was living unmolested in the neighbourhood of Yarkund in December 1857, when a roving party of Indijans found him and eventually murdered him.

3rd. Tou will remember that two men from Yarkund whom Mr. Knox had an opportunity of questioniug said that Mr. Schlagiutweit had gone arsay with the Iudijans.

4th. If I can elicit any thing more from Kuttub Ali Shah, I will report upon it. We may hope to have both Omerdeer's man and the messenger sent by Haree Chund back before the passes are closed.

> I have the honor to be, \&c. $$
\text { R. Taylor, }
$$ Deputy Commissioner.

Statement of Kutrub Alee Shai Yarlandee, taken before Mr. Knox, 28th September, 1858.
Last year in the month of Sawn (July) viz. 14 months ago, the Indijans came to Yarkund to fight with the Kuttæs and Chinese, and I went to Kurghulluck, two days' jonrney on this side. The Iudijans took me and all the Puujabees, Cabulees, Cashmerees and Hindoostanees, in all some 40 or 50 persons, prisoners. At that time two Indijans and a Majanee were accompanying a Sahib who was coming from the Ladak side; these three men ran away with the Sahib's property and came to Knrglullock, there they stopped in the house of one Kurbun Khujjuck and they said to him, We have some property for sale, do you take it. When he had sent for the property and examined it, he found it to consist of 12 or 14 Thans Keenkhab, and some loongees, and some Daryayee, and some other property also, but I did not see it with my own eyes. Kurbun having seen the things, went and reported the fact to Hajee Nussur, Kardar of the Indijans, saying that these men were poor and had nothing of their own, they must have robbed this from somebody. Hajee Nussur sent for them and intiaidated them, questioning them as to where they got the property, and whose it was. They at first asserted that the property was their own, but when threatened severely they stated that Mahomed Ameen had brought a Feringbee with him, and this property belonged to that Feringhee, and we have taken it and are escaping with it. Hajee Nussur asked where the Feringhee was, they replied "God knows! He was on his way to Yarkund, if he has gone there he will have arrived at the village of Gullean." Hajee Nussur therefore sent two or three of his own men and told them to go and fetch the Salib; they therefore went to Gulleau and brought the Sahib from thence to Kur-
ghulluck and Mahomed Ameen was also with him. Nobody understood the Sahib's speech in that country, they searched therefore for somebody who could understand him, in hope of finding some one who could understand Hindoostanee or Punjabee. I was iu confinement and they took me to the place. Hajee Nussur told me to ask the Sahib why he had come there. I asked the Sahib. He replied that there was a Shahzada, son of Mihmood Shah, living in the Indijan country, and he had visited him (Mr. Schlagintweit) in Lahore, and had said, Do you come to Indijan, and I will establish friendly relations between the Nawab of Indijan and the Sahibs; that it was ou this account that he was on his way to Indijan. Hajee Nassur confiscated all the Sahib's property, and put the Sahib in confinement and sent hisn to Tullah Khan, a principal Sirdar. When they put the Sahib in confinement, he said to me, " No one here understands my language and my belief is that these " people will kill me, should you go to that side of the country, if " you go by Koolloo, tell this matter to Hay Sahib; if you go by "Cashmere tell it to whatever Sahib you meet." After this the Sahib went away. On the day that the Sahib went to Sirdar Tulla Khan, on the same day, the Chinese force came to fight with the Indijans, and the Indijans fought for half an hour and then ran away, and took the Salib with them; when the Chinese force came, all the Indijau Kardars ran away, and we, forty or fifty men, who were iu confinement, got free. I afterwards heard that Dil Khan the great Chief of the Indijans bad takeu the Sahib's property, aud put him to death, but I ouly heard this from the report of travellers of Kashgur and Yarkund. I did not see it with my own eyes. Ques-tion.-Do you know anything of the property of the Sahib or his servants? Answer.-No-I do not know anything about them. I only saw the Sahib and Mahomed Ameen Moghul; some also said that Mahomed Ameen also had been killed; others that he was alive; others that he had his nose and ears cut off.
(Signed) Kuttab Allee Shah YarFundee.
Nuggur, 28th September, 1858.

## (Extract.)

A man has come to-day and gives some intelligence about Mr . Schlagintweit, he says he saw him when the Indijuns were taking
him off, and Schlagintweit told him to mention what had occurred. I have taken down in writing his statement and herewith enclose it to you. I have given lim a Purwannal as far as Kangra, as from all I see and hear I don't think him a spy or suspicious character. He says he is on his way to Rambag. If you think as I do will you kindly give him a purwannah onward. I send hiin in person to you, so you can gather much more from lim by talking, and much more than I can convey to you in writing.
(Signed) G. Knox.
4. From Baboo Radha Nanth Sikdar, an abstract of the Meteorological observations taken at the Surveyor Geueral's Office during the months of June and July.

The Officiating Librarian submitted his usual monthly report for November last.

Dr. 'Ihomson gave some account of the Butanical results of a recent visit to Parisnath.

## Library.

The Library has received the following accessions during the month of December, 1858.

## Presented.

Athenæum, for August 1858.-By the Editors.
Indische Studien, Vol. 4. P. 3.-By Dr. Weber.
Journal of the Statistical Society, London, for September 1858.—By the Society.

The London, Edinburgh and Dublin Philosophical Magazine.-No. 106 for September, 1858.

Zeitschrift der Deutschen morgenlandischen Gesellschaft.-By Prof. Dr. Brockhaus Vol. 12, P. 3., and an Index of Vols. 1-10.
Annalen der Chemie und Pharmacie, Vol. 107, P. 1. for Julx, 1853.
Al-hadirae Diwanus of Al-Yezidii.-By Dr. Engelmann.
Bleeker, P. Iehthyologiae Archipelagi Indici Prodromus, Vol. 1, Batavia.-By Dr. Cantor.
S. M. Le Roi Frederic VII. de Danemark, sur-la construction des salles dites des géants Copenhague, 1857.-By the Royal Society of Antrquaries at Copenhagen.

Rafn. C. C. Inscription Runique du Pireé interpretee.-Copeniague. 1856, ditto ditto.

Extrait des Autiqnites del' Orient.-Copeniague, 1856.-Ditto.
Autiquarisk Tidsskrift, 1854.-Ditto.
S. M. Frederic VII. Roi de Danemark, Vestiges D'Asserbo et de Soborg decouverts,-Copenhague, 1855.-Ditto.

Rafn. C. C. Autiquites Americaines, Copenhague, 1845, royal 4to.Ditto.

Saga Jatrardar Konungs Hins, Helga, Copenhague, 1852.-Ditto.
List of Members and of Books published by the Society, pamphlet 1857.-Ditto.

Proceedings of the Royal Society of London, Nos. 27, 28, 29, 31 and 32, 1857-58.-By the Royal Society of London.
List of Fellows of the Royal Society, 1856-57.-Ditto.
Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London, for 1856. 57, Vol. 146, Parts 2 and 3, Vol. 147 P. 1 and 2.

Address of the President at the Anniversary Meeting of the Royal Society, 1857.-Ditto.

Johnson, M. J. (M. A.) Meteorological Obserrations made at the Redcliffe Observatory, Oxford, 1856.-Ditro.

Observations Meteorologiques, faites a Nijne-Taguilsk, Annee 1856, -Paris 1858, Ditto.

Compte Rendu Annual addresse A. S. Exc. M. de Brock., Pur le directeur de l’observatoir Physique central, Annéé 1855, St. Petersbourg, 1856.-Ditito.

Sir Humphry Dary's Discourses, 1820-26 London.-Ditto.
Report on the adjudication of the Copley Rumford and Royal Medals, London, 1834,-Ditto.

Scheutz, George and Edward. Specimen Tables calculated and stereomoulded by the Swedish Calculating Machine, London, 1852,-2 Copies.-Ditto.
Journal of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, New Series Vol. 3. P. 4. 1855-58.-By the Academy.
Proceedings of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, Vol. 8, 1856.-Ditto.

Bopp. Franz. Vergleichende Grammatik des Sanserit, Send, Griechischen, Lateinischen, Littanischen, Altslavischen, Gothischen, und Deutschen. Erster Band, Berlin, 1857.-By the Author.
Journal of the Geoloyical Society of Dublin, Vol. II. P. 1, 2, 3, Vol. 1lI. P. 1, 2, 3, 4, Vol. 1V. P. 1, 2, Vol. V. P. 1, 2, 3, and Vol. 6.-By the Society.

The Oriental Baptist for November 1858.-By the Editor.

Calcutta Christian Observer for Nov. 1858.-By the Editors.
Bibidharta Sangraha, for Assar.-By the Editor.
Written defence of Roy Kissory Chand Mittra by Babu R. L. Mitrra.
Report on a project for the supply of Water to the Ponna Cantonment, with Plans and sections in a separate case.-By the Secretary P. Works Department.

Sanscrit Worterbuch Merausgegeben ron der Kaiserlichen Akademie der Wissenschaften, by Proffr Bohtlingk and Rudolph Roth. Erster Theil and Zweiter Theil.

The Oriental Christian Spectator for October, 1858.-By the Editor.
Carrington A. Catalogue of 3735 Circumpolar Stars observed at Redhill, for $1855 .-$ By the Royal Society.

Report of the Survey Operations of the Lower Provinces from Oct. 1856 to Sept. 1857.- By the Govt. of Bengal.
Defence of Roy Kissory Chund Mittra. From Baboo Rajendralal Mittra.

## Purchased.

Travels in Central Africa, Vols. 4 and 5 -By Dr. Bartit.
Comptes Rendus, Tome 47, Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9.-By the Academi of Sciences, Paris.
The Annals and Magazine of Natural History No. IX. Sept. 1858.
The Literary Gazette, Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 .
Rerue des Deux Mondes, for August and Sept. 1858.
Annales des Sciences Naturelles, Tome 8. Paris.
Journal des Savants, for August 1858. Paris.
Revue et Magasin de Zoologie, No. 7. Paris.
Geschichte des Eughishen Reiches in Asien, Von Karl Friedrich Neumann, Erster and Zweiter Band, Leipzig, 1857.
Gucnee's Suites á Buffon, Histoire des Insectes,-Lepidoptcres, Tome IX. Paris.

- Planches, 10 Livraison Insectes, Lepidopteres, Paris.

Notices et Extraits des manserits de la Bibliotheque Imperiale, Tome 16, 17, 18, p. 1st Tome 19, p. 2.
Expedition de Timiour-lenk our Tamerlan, by Mr. Charmoy.
Vendidad Sade, Troisime Lirraison, Paris, 1855.-Dy Mr. Joles Thonnelier.

## For Jandary, 1859.

At the Annual Geueral Meeting of the Society held on the 5th Januarr, 1859.
A. Grote, Esq., V. P., in the Chair.

The proceedings commenced by the Secretary reading the following note from the Hon'ble Sir James Colvile, Kt., President of the Society, announcing his wish to resign, in consequence of his intended departure from India.

Calcutta, December 24th, 1858.

## E. B. Cowell, Esq., Secretary, Asiatic Society.

Sir, -My resignation of the office of Chief Justice has been accepted by the Secretary of State for India; and I purpose to leave India at the end of March, 1859.

In this state of things I ought not, I conceive, to be proposed for re-election as President of the Asiatic Society of Bengal, at the approaching annual meeting of the Society. The Society ought then to have the opportunity of electing a President who may be presumed to be capable of performing the duties of the office during the whole year. I beg, therefore, that you will circulate this letter amongst the Members of the Council, in order that they may determine whom they will propose as the next President; I beg also that if there be no objection to that course, this letter may be laid before the Society at its annual meeting.

I am naturally desirous to take that opportunity of expressing my deep sense of the honor which the Society has couferred upon me, in electing me for ten successive years to be its President; and of apologizing for my many short-comings in the discharge of the duties of that office. I have never disguised from myself that I owed this distinction rather to the accident of official rank, than to my personal qualifications for the office. I have always felt that the President of our Society ought to be one who had established some reputation for himself, either in the field of scientific inquiry, or in that of antiquarian research; and I was once most anxious to make way for one who had every qualification which the President of such a Society ought to possess, the late Sir Henry Elliot. His absence from Calcutta frustrated my desires; and I continued to
enjoy the honor annually bestowed upon me, with an undiminished sense of my own unworthiness, and chiefly because I was assured by my friends that iny continuance in the chair was useful to the Society. If it has been so, the result is mainly due to the effcient and friendly co-operation of the gentlemen who have from time to time held the office of Secretary, and of my other colleagues in the Council.

That the Society may find, as it easily may, an able and more efficient President, and may long flourish under him and his successors, is the sincere wish of

> Sir,
> Iour most obedient faithful servant, Janes W. Colvile.

The Chairman observed that he felt sure that this amouncement would be received by the meeting, and by the Society geuerally, with very great regret. He then moved the following Resolution which was seconded by Mr. C. Beadon.

That the Society, while it congratulates the Hon'ble Sir James Colvile on his approaching return to England, desires to express its regret at the loss of his valuable services, and to record its grateful thanks for the zeal and ability with which he has discharged the office of President for the last ten years, and has uniformly exerted himself to promote the objects and interests of the Society.

Carried unanimously.
The Secretary proceeded to read the following report:-
The Council of the Asiatic Society in submitting their usual Annual report, again have to remark with regret, that the continued disturbance of the country appears materially to have interfered with the welfare of the Society.

The total number of Members* now on the rolls is 133, against

| * Ordinary. | Paying, | Absent. |  |
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| 1851 | 130, | 124, | 6 |
| 1852 | 139, | 122, | 17 |
| 1853 | 146, | 123, | 23 |
| 1854 | 155, | 129, | 26 |
| 1855 | 162, | 122, | 34 |
| 1856 | 167, | 131, | 36 |
| 18,7 | 147, | 10, | 38 |
| 1858 | 133, | 95, | 38 |

167 in 1856, and 147 in 1857, shewing a decrease of 34 ordinary Members within the last two years.

The elections during the year have been only two, while the losses have been 16. Of these 11 have been caused by retirement. four by death, and one under bye law 13 of the Society's rules. Of the 133 Members on the rolls, 38 are absent in Europe, and two are life Members, leaving only 93 on the paying list.

Dr. H. Falconer and B. H. Hodgson, Esq., have, on their departure for Europe, been added to the list of honorary Members, and Herr R. Schlagintweit has beeu elected a corresponding Member of the Society.

The obituary includes the names of four ordinary Members, viz.: the late Bishop Wilson, Lieutenant F. J. Burgess, Dr. F. P. Strong, and Baboo Nogendra Nauth Tagore; of one honorary Member, General Count Ventura; and of one associate, Mr. H. Piddington.

In the Venerable Bishop Wilson, the Society has to regret one who was for many years a zealous Member, and who for ten years held the office of Vice-President.

Mr. Piddington was connected with the Society for nearly thirty years, and at various times served in the capacities of Officiating Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Curator of the Geological Department. In him the Society has lost a most able and constant contributor to the Journal, and Science an indefatigable votary.

## Finances.

The loss of a large number of Members, and the difficulty of making remittances from the Mofussil, have seriously affected the income of the Society. The total receipts during the past year have been Rupees $17,206-6-1$, whilst those of the preceding year were Rupees 22,504-12-3. The expences have been Rupees 15,088-14-7. To this sum, however, has to be added the cost of the repairs of the Society's premises, Rupees 2,280, which will make the expenditure amount to about the same sum as in 1857 .

The income includes a sum of Rupees 500, paid by Rajah Prataub Chunder Singh as the amount of his compensation fee, which has been invested iu Goverument securities, and another of Rupees $1,734-16-8$, received from the Oriental Fund in liquidation of the advance made to it in $18 j 6$.

The liabilities of the Society amount to Rupees 6,810.3-10; to meet which there is a cash balauce in hand to the extent of Rupees $3,451-12-3$, Company's paper, to the value of 5,000 , and outstanding assets to the amount of Rupees 6,259-10-3. Rupees 2,255-7-3 have been written off in the course of the year as unrealizilble.

The probable receipts of the ensuing year may be assumed at Rupees 12,300 , aud of expenses at Rupees 11,533 , the estimate under the usual heads being-

Income.


Rs. 11,5:33 00

Monthly average,
$961 \quad 4$

## Library.

The Library has received important accessions of Scientific and Oriental works to the extent of 300 vols., during the year under report. The presentations from learned Societies and Institutions have been rich and rarious, and the Society's purchases include most of the leading scientific and other periodicals.

Mr. Chaloner Alabaster has furnished the Society with a Catalogue of the Chinese works in the Library, which will shortly appear in the Journal, aud the Librarian is preparing a list of iucomplete Works and Transactions of learned Societies, in order that the Vols. wanting may be procured from Europe.

## Stacy Collection of Coins.

The Council haviug been in treaty during the last two years for the purchase of this collection of coins, have at last succeeded in securing it. A Committee which was nominated to examine the coins, reports them to be complete, according to Mr. E. Thomas's Catalogue, with a very few exceptions. The sum of 2,938 Rupees originally subscribed for the purchase of this collection, was realized in full, and the balance, Rupees 1,062 , has been made up from the Society's Funds out of the grant of 1,200 Rupees, accorded for that purpuse by a special vote. The Committee hope ere long to determine the best meaus of preserving and exhibiting this valuable collection, together with other coins already in the Society's possession.

## Museum.

The repairs of the building having occupied the greater part of the year, the Museum has been closed to public inspection for a lengtheued period. The trouble of removing at every successive stage the articles occupying the Society's premises, has protracted the repairs considerably. They have, however, now been completed and the objects in the Museum re-arranged.

## Journal.

Owing to the continued troubles of the country, and the consequent hindrance to the prosecution of scientific researches, only 4 Nos. of the Journal have been issued.

## Orientar Fund.

It was annonnced in the last report, that the Oriental Fand would soon be in a position to onable the Editors to complete the unfinished works, and to commence a new series. The Conncil have since paid off all the liabilities of the Fund which hatd falten due, and issued 7 Nos. of the Bib. Indica, including portions of 5 different works. Of these 4 have been edited by Babu Rajeudra Lal Mittra, 2 by Mr. F. E. Hall, and 1 by Pundit Ishar Chandra Vidysagara. The names of the works are-

Lalita Vistara, or Memoirs of the Life and Doctrines of Sakya Sinha Fas. III, IV, V, being Nos. 143,144,-145, edited by Baboo Rajendra Lal Mittra.
2. Taittiriya Brahmana of the Black Yajur Veda, with the commentary of Sayanacharya Fas. III. being No. 147, edited by Baboo Rajendra Lal Mittra.
3. The concluding part (Fasc. III.) of the Sankhya Pravachana Bhashya, with an English preface, being No. 141, edited by F. E. Hall, Esq.
4. Sùrya Siddhanta with its commentary, the Gudhartha Prakasaka, Fasc. IV., being No. 146, edited by F. E. Hall, Esq.
5. Sarvadarsana Sangraha; or an Epitome of the different systems of Indian Philosophy, by Màdhavachyarya; Fas. II. being No. 142, edited by Pundit Issurchandra Vidyasagara.

The publication of the Taittiriya Yajur Veda will be resumed during the ensuing year ; and the Editors report that they hope very shortly to send the ninth Fas to the press. The various unfinished works will be completed as spcedily as possible, and when any new works are undertaken, it will be done with every regard to the recommendations of Professor II. H. Wilson, and the wishes expressed in the dispateh of the Hon'ble Court of Directors.

## Officers.

The Council have had every reason to be satisfied with the zeal and assiduity with which the Curator and the Assistant Secy. bave discharged their duties. The latter has obtained leave of absenee for 6 months, and his office has been temporarily filled by Baboo Bhobany Persaud Dutt.

The Report was adopted.

The Meeting then proceeded to ballot for the Council and Officers for the ensuing year. Dr. Eatwell and T. Oldham, Esq., were appointed scrutineers, and at the close of the ballot, the Chairman announced the following result:-
A. Grote Esq., ............ President.

Col. R. Strachey,
$\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { Dr. T. Thomson, } . . . . . . . . \\ \text { Baboo Ramapersaud Roy, }\end{array}\right\}$ Vice-Presidents.
C. Beadon, Esq.

Dr. T. Boycott.
Baboo Rajendralal Mittra.
E. A. Samuells, Esq.

Baboo Ramgopal G̛hose.
T. Oldham, Esq.

Capt. C. H. Dickens.
Capt.W. N. Lees.
Dr. W. Crozier.
W. S. Atkinson, Esq., ...
E. B. Cowell, Esq., ..... $\}$ Joint-Secretaries.

After acknowledging in a few words the honour which had just been conferred on him, the new President congratulated the meeting on those passages in the Report which announced the resumption of the publication of the Bib.-Indica, and the completion of the purchase of the Stacy Cabinet of Coins.

# ABSTRACT STATEMENT 

# RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS 

of the

ASIATIC SOCIETY
for

THE YEAR, 1858.

# STATEMENT 

Abstract of the Cash Accounts

## RECEIPTS.

Contributions.

Received from Members,
Rs. 7,068 $0 \begin{array}{llllll}6,923 & 8 & 0\end{array}$

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\simeq-6,923880
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Admission Fee.


## Journal.

Sale proceeds of and Subscription to the Jour-
nal of the Asiatic Society,

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\begin{array}{lllllllllll}
1,931 & 10 & 5 & 496 & 3 & 0 \\
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\end{array} 496 \quad 3 \quad 10
$$

## Library.

Sale procceds of Books, $\quad 1,225 \quad 4 \quad 0 \quad 566$
Refund by transfer of amount erroneously
charged in Messrs. Williams and Norgate's
account of 1857, as per contra, .. $17010 \quad 0$
Salc procecds of old plates, $\quad . \quad 10 \quad 0 \quad 0$
Ditto duplicatc coins, $\quad . \quad 37 \quad 12 \quad 6$
Museum Zoology.
Received from the General Treasury at 300 Rs. per month, $. \quad . \quad 3,600 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 3,600 \quad 0 \quad 0$

Secretary's Office,
Discount on postage Stamps,
Refund of Postage,
Sale proceeds of old Ink Bottles,
Vested Fund,
$240 \quad 0 \quad 0$
Intercst on Company's Paper from the Bank of Bengal, .. .. .. 220 0 0
Discount on ditto, .. .. $\quad . \quad 31 \quad 6 \quad 2$
Interest on $1734-10-2$ advanced to the $O$. P. Fund from lst January to 30 th Jume, 1858, at 4 per cent. .. .. .. $3411 \quad 1$

General Establishment,
Savings, ..
Fine, . .
Deposit Account,
Lient. II. G. Raverty, . .
A. Grote, Lisq.

Major J. G. Stephen, . .
Baboo Roodermanth Doss,
$\begin{array}{lll}74 & 9 & 9\end{array}$

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\end{array}
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$286 \quad 1 \quad 3$
.. $\quad 0 \quad 15 \quad 0$
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$2210 \quad 6$
Carricd over, $\frac{7440}{12,320} \frac{15}{5}$

No. 1.
of the Asiatic Socicty for 1855.

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Journal. 18571858


## Library.

Salary of the Librarian 12 months at 70 per


## Museum.

Salary of the Curator E. Blyth, Esq. at 250 per
month, 12 months,. . .. .. 3,000 0 0
Honse rent at 40 per month, 12 months, .. $480 \quad 0 \quad 0$
Establishment, .. .. .. 584 0) (
Contingent charges, .. .. .. 233 2 6
Lxxtra 'Taxidermist's salary, .. .. 34840
A Blank recorl Book,
Six Glass Cases for Birds,
Tcn Shelves ditto,


## Stacy Coin Collection.

Brought forwarl, $12,320 \quad 15$
Subscriptions for the purchase of the Collection, 212000
Amount of last year's subscriptions,
$\therefore 2,726 \quad 0 \quad 0$
2,938 00
Messrs. Williams and Norgate.
Received through Rajah Radhacant Deva, duty on parcels,

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26 \quad 0 \quad 0
$$

Proceeds of sundry books sold on their account of Weber's Modern Investigations on Ancient
$\qquad$
Ditto ditto a copy of Muller's Buddhism, .. 10 o
Ditto ditto a copy of Bopp's Comparative Grammar, .. $\quad . \quad, \cdot$
Ditto ditto a copy of Gollstüker's Sanscrit Dictionary, .. .. .. .. 5 0 0
Ditto ditto White Yajurveda, Vol. I. $_{4,419} \quad 8 \quad \ddot{\ddot{5}} \quad 32 \quad 8 \quad 0$
Ditto ditto White Iajurveda, Vol. $\begin{aligned} & \text { 4,419 } \\ & 8\end{aligned} \quad \ddot{5} \quad 32 \quad 8 \quad 0$
$90 \quad 8 \quad 0$

## Oriental Publication Fund.

Receised from the Oriental Publication Fund,.. $765 \quad 54$
$1,734 \quad 10 \quad 8$
Profit \& Loss.
Received from the Administrator General's Office being a dividend on account Capt. W. E. Boyes' contribntions, in part of amount written off in 1856.

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10460
$$

2100
Ditto ditto Oriental Bank on a Bill for $50 £ .$, ..
2500

Ditto ditto Muddoosoodun Dey, sale proceeds of a copy of the Malabharata, in part of amount written off in 1856, .. ..

Dr. J. Fayrer.

Refund of Postage, .. .. .. $\quad$| 1 |
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Balance of 1857.


Secretary's Office.
General Establishment, .. .. 822000
Secretary's Office Establishment,
Copying charges, .. ..
$\begin{array}{rrrrr}. . & \quad . & 672 & 0 & 0 \\ \because & 10 & 0 & 0\end{array}$
Postage,.. .. .. .. 9 0 6
Stationery, .. .. .. 7563
Three Blank Books for writing, .. .. $16 \quad 8 \quad 0$
Purchase of Postage Stamps, .. .. 13110
Freight, .. .. .. .. 14000
A Sheet Almanac for 1858, .. .. 100
Petty charges, .. .. .. $27 \quad 7 \quad 0$

Building.
$\begin{array}{llllllllllll}\text { Assessment, } \\ \text { Ditto for Lighting, } & \ddot{ } & \ddot{ } & \because & & \ddot{ } & 281 & 4 & 0 & & & \\ & & & 895 & 2 & \ddot{6} & & & 0 & 0 & 356 & 4\end{array}$
Stacy Coin Collection.
Paid to Major W. S. Ferris, on account of
Mrs. Wroughton, for the Stacy Coins, as
per receipt, .. .. $\quad . \quad 4,000 \quad 0 \quad 0$
Ditto a Lock for the Coin-Box, ..

Deposit Account.


## Vested Fund.

Paid Commission for the Collection of Interest

on Company's Paper, $\quad$.. .. $\quad 0$| 8 | 10 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Ditto Interest on Company's Papcr, .. 2611
Ditto for Purchase of Government Security at
5 per cent. No. 51,090, dated 28th February, 1856-57,
$\because 4,021 \quad 8 \quad \ddot{9} \quad 500 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 502 \quad 15 \quad 9$
J. S. Law, Ese.

| Paid Freight on his account, | $\quad . \quad$ | $\begin{array}{llllll} & 4 & 2 & 0 & 4 & 2\end{array}$ |
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Brought, forward, 14,107 4 2
Messrs. Williams and Norgate.
Amount debited by transfer being erroncously entered in their account of 1857, in the following items.
6 Bopp's Comparative
Grammar,

$$
\text { . . £12 } 120
$$

25 Weber's Ancient
India, .. 0189
15Muller's Buddhism, 0176
£14 83 at $2 s . p$.
rupee 14420
Ditto ditto duty on Parcels, .. 2680

| Commission on salc of Books, | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- |
| Freight, | . |  |  |
| Purchase of Books on their account, | 4 | 4 | 0 |

Bills on Oriental Bank Corporation at London, £50-5-3 at 2 s . .. .. $50210 \quad 0$
Packing charges, $\quad . \quad \quad \ddot{2}, 97011 \quad 4-\quad 0 \quad 9 \quad 11 \quad 702111$
Miscellaneous.


Balance.



Government Allowance,
Received from General Treasury at 500 per month, $\quad . \quad 6,000 \quad 0 \quad 0$

Vested Fond.
Interest on Company's Paper from Bank of Bengal, .. $\quad 210 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 140 \quad 0 \quad 0$

Deposit Account.
Received from Mahomed Hajee, .. 43110
Custody of Oriental Woris.
Savings of Establishment, $\quad . \quad 2 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 300$
Profit and Loss.
Received from the Administrator General's
Office being a dividend on account of
J. Reddie, Esq. . . . .

No. 2.
Find for the year 1858.


Asiatic Society.
Paid to the Society on account of Loan in full, $\quad 1,73410 \quad 8$
Copying MSS.
Copying Charges, .. .. $80 \quad 3 \quad 9 \quad 30 \quad 8 \quad 0$
Bib. Indica,


30114
Kitab-tl Marraf,
Printing Charges, .. .. .. .. 122 8 0
Taittitiriya Braimana',
Printing Charges, .. .. .. .. 1,141 14 0
Veda nta Sutras,
Printing Charges, .. .. .. .. 36 8 0
[No 1.
Brought forward, $12,404 \quad 98$

Asiatic Society's Rooms
31st Dec. 1853.

Examined,
Bhobanyprosad Dottr,
Offg. Asst. Secy.


Errors Excepted.
E. B. Cowell, Secretary.
STATEMENT, No. 3.


## LIS' O OF ORDINARY MEMBERS

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OF 'THE
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## ASIATIC SOCIETY OF BENGAL,

on the 31st december, 1858.

The * distinguishes non-subscribing Members.

Abbott, Lieut.-Col. J. Artillery, Jullunder.
*Allen, C. Esq., B. C. S., Europe.
*Anderson, Lieut.-Col. W. Bengal Artillery, Europe.
Atkinson, W. S. Esquire, Calcutta.
Avdall, J. Esquire, Calcutta.
*Baker, Lieut.-Col. W. E. Bengal Engineers, Europe.
Batten, J. H. Esquire, B. C. S. Cawnpore.
Beadon, C. Esquire, B. C. S., Calcutta.
Beaufort, F. L. Esquire, B. C. S., Calcutta.
*Beckwith, J. Esquire, Europe.
*Benson, Lieut.-Col. R., Europe.
Birch, Major Genl. R. J., H. C. B., Calcutta.
Bivar, Capt. H. S. 18th Regt. B. N. I., Assam.
Blagrave, Capt. T. C. 26th Regt. B. N. I., Trans-Sutledge Proviuces.
Blanford, H. F. Esquire, Calcutta.
Blundell, E. A. Esquire, Singapore.
*Bogle, Lieut.-Col. Sir A. Kt., Europe.
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Abstract of the Results of the Hourly Meteorological Observations taken at the Surveyor General's Office, Calcutta, in the month of January, 1859.

Latitude $22^{\circ} 33^{\prime} 1^{\prime \prime}$ North. Longitude $88^{\circ} 20^{\prime} 34^{\prime \prime}$ East.
Feet.
Height of the Cistern of the Standard Barometer above the Sea level, 18.11
Daily Means, \&c. of the Observations and of the Mygrometrical elements deperadent thereon.

| Date. |  | Range of the Barometer during the day. |  |  |  | Range of the Tempera ture during the day. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Max. | Min. | Diff. |  | Max. | Min. | Diff. |
|  | Inches. | Inches. | Tnehes. | Inches. | 0 | 0 | 0 | o |
| 1 | 30.032 | 30.120 | 29.953 | 0.167 | 65.8 | 74.4 | 59.6 | 14.8 |
| 2 | Sunday. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | . 057 | . 128 | 30.006 | . 122 | 66.5 | 75.6 | 58.6 | 17.0 |
| 4 | . 027 | .11\% | 29.958 | . 151. | 67.6 | 77.3 | 61.4 | 15.8 |
| 5 | 29.998 | .074 | . 958 | .116 | 69.0 | 76.4 | 62.6 | 13.8 |
| 6 | 30.014 | . 093 | .953 | .140 | 70.1 | 76.5 | 66.4 | 10.1 |
| 7 | . 032 | . 131 | .974 | . 157 | 69.7 | 79.6 | 61.0 | 18.6 |
| 8 | . 062 | .138 | .994 | .144 | 67.6 | 75.4 | 61.8 | 13.6 |
| 9 | Sunday. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | . 054 | . 138 | . 992 | . 146 | 67.8 | 77.2 | 60.9 | 16.3 |
| 11 | . 070 | . 163 | 30.001 | .16: | 68.0 | 78.1 | 59.8 | 18.3 |
| 12 | . 065 | .160 | 29.997 | . 163 | 68.4 | 78.0 | 59.9 | 18.1 |
| 13 | . 044 | . 135 | . 995 | . 1.40 | 68.2 | 78.6 | 60.0 | 18.6 |
| 14 | . 029 | . 100 | .979 | .121 | 68.9 | 79.2 | 61.6 | 17.6 |
| 15 | . 057 | . 134 | 30.011 | .123 | 69.4 | 79.8 | 61.2 | 18.6 |
| 16 | Sunday. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17 | . 067 | . 148 | . 007 | . 14.1 | 69.6 | 786 | 63.8 | 14.8 |
| 18 | . 018 | . 096 | 29.947 | . 149 | 69.4 | 79.2 | 60.8 | 18.4 |
| 19 | 29.938 | .025 | . 885 | . 140 | 69.0 | 79.6 | 60.1 | $19:$ |
| 20 | . 933 | 29.993 | . 891 | . 102 | 71.1 | 82.8 | 62.6 | 20.2 |
| 21 | 30.005 | 30.105 | . 952 | . 153 | 69.2 | 78.2 | 62.8 | 15.t |
| 22 | 29.959 | . 069 | . 885 | . 181 | 66.0 | 76.8 | 57.0 | 19.8 |
| 23 | Sunday. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 24 | . 914 | . 000 | . 866 | . 131 | 67.5 | 79.2 | 57.6 | 21.6 |
| 25 | . 928 | . 021 | . 870 | .151 | 68.7 | 81.2 | 58.4 | 22.8 |
| 26 | .906 | 29.975 | . 851 | .124 | 70.5 | 83.6 | 60.2 | 33.1 |
| 27 | . 969 | 30.037 | . 925 | .112 | 70.8 | 82.0 | 61.0 | 21.0 |
| 28 | . 993 | . 077 | .941 | . 136 | 71.0 | 82.3 | 61.0 | $\because 1.3$ |
| 29 | . 961 | . 059 | .905 | . 154 | 71.9 | 81.4 | 62.0 | 22.1 |
| 30 | Sunday. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 31 | . 914 | 29.976 | .859 | . 117 | 74.3 | 85.2 | 66.0 | 19.2 |

The Mean height of the Barometer, as likewise the Mean Dry and Wet Bulb Thermometers are deriyed from the twenty-four hourly observations made during the day.

Abstract of the Results of the Mourly Meteorological Observations taken at the Surveyor General's Ofice, Calcutta, in the month of January, 1S59.

Daily Means, \&c. of the Observations and of the Hygrometrical elements dependent thereon.-(Continued.)


All the Hygrometrical clements are computed by the Greenwich Constants.

Alstract of the Results of the Mourly Aleteorological Oliservations taken at the Surveyor Generat's Office, Calcutia, in the month of January, 1859.

Hourly Means, \&c. of the Observations and of the Hygrometrical elements dependent thereon.

| Hour. |  | Range of the Barometer for each hour during the month. |  |  |  | Range of the Temperature for each hour during the month. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Max. | Min. | Diff. |  | Max. | Min. | Difl. |
|  | Inches. | Tuches. | Inches. | Inches. | o | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Midnight. | 30.002 | 30.093 | 29.907 | 0.186 | 65.0 | 70.0 | 60.8 | 9.2 |
| 1 | 29.996 | . 089 | .894 | . 195 | 64.2 | 69.6 | 60.2 | 9.4 |
| 2 | . 988 | . 078 | . 885 | . 193 | 63.5 | 69.0 | 59.7 | 9.3 |
| 3 | . 982 | . 065 | . 878 | . 187 | 62.9 | 68.9 | 59.6 | 9.3 |
| 4 | . 977 | . 060 | . 871 | . 159 | 62.4 | 68.2 | 58.8 | 9.6 |
| 5 | . 988 | . 070 | . 879 | . 191 | 62.0 | 67.0 | 58.3 | 87 |
| 6 | 30.003 | . 081 | . 896 | . 188 | 61.5 | 67.0 | 57.0 | 10.0 |
| 7 | . 027 | . 101 | . 922 | . 179 | 61.1 | 66.0 | 57.0 | 9.0 |
| 8 | . 060 | . 143 | . 951 | . 192 | 61.6 | 68.6 | 60.7 | 7.9 |
| 9 | . 079 | . 154. | . 965 | . 189 | 67.9 | 71.6 | 642 | 7.4 |
| 10 | .084 | . 163 | .975 | . 188 | 708 | 74.6 | 67.0 | 7.6 |
| 11 | . 063 | .141 | .959 | . 182 | 73.7 | 77.4 | 69.0 | 8.4 |
| Noon. | . 031 | . 107 | . 921 | . 186 | 76.2 | 81.0 | 71.6 | 9.4 |
| 1 | 29.999 | . 082 | . 896 | . 186 | 78.0 | 83.4 | 74.0 | 9.4 |
| 2 | . 972 | . 047 | . 866 | . 183 | 78.9 | 85.0 | 71.2 | 10.8 |
| 3 | . 954 | . 031 | .852 | . 179 | 79.1 | 85.2 | 71.4 | 10.8 |
| 4 | . 948 | . 030 | . 851 | . 179 | 77.1 | 83.7 | 71.5 | 12. |
| 5 | . 953 | . 037 | . 853 | . 184 | 75.3 | 82.2 | 70.1 | 12.1 |
| 6 | . 961 | . 043 | . 868 | .175 | 729 | 78.8 | 67.4 | 11.4 |
| 7 | .977 | . 062 | . 892 | . 170 | 706 | 76.2 | 65.8 | 10.4 |
| 8 | . 991 | . 075 | . 908 | . 167 | 69.0 | 74.8 | 61.6 | 10.2 |
| 9 | 30.002 | . 087 | . 922 | .165 | 67.8 | 73.2 | 63.0 | 10.2 |
| 10 | . 006 | . 127 | . 920 | . 207 | 66.8 | 72.6 | 62.0 | 10.6 |
| 11 | . 000 | . 092 | .92\% | .170 | 65.9 | 72.0 | 61.2 | 108 |

The Mean Height of the Barometer, as hikewisc the Mcan Dry and Wet Bulb Thermometers are derived from the observations made at the several hours during the month.

Alstract of the Results of the Mourly Meteorological Observations taken at the Surveyor General＇s Office，Calcutta， in the month of January， 1859.

Hourly Means，\＆c．of the Observations and of the Hygrometrical elements dependent thereon．－（Continued．）

| Hour． |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 送 } \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Inches． | Troy grs． | Troy grs． |  |
| Micl－ night． | 61.7 | 3.3 | 59.7 | 5.3 | 0.518 | 5.76 | 1.11 | 0.81 |
| ${ }_{1}$ | 61.2 | 3.0 | 59.1 | 5.1 | ． 508 | ． 65 | ． 04 | ． 8.5 |
| 2 | 606 | 2.9 | 58.6 | 4.9 | ． 499 | ． 56 | 0.99 | ． 85 |
| 3 | 60.0 | 2.9 | 58.0 | 4.9 | ． 489 | ． 45 | ． 98 | ． 85 |
| 4 | 59.7 | 2.7 | 57.8 | 4.6 | ． 486 | ． 43 | ． 90 | ． 86 |
| 5 | 59.3 | 2.7 | 57.4 | 4.6 | ． 480 | ． 36 | ． 89 | ． 86 |
| 6 | 59.0 | 2.5 | 57.2 | 4.3 | ． 476 | ． 33 | ． 83 | ． 87 |
| 7 | 58.7 | 2.4 | 56.8 | 4.3 | ． 470 | ． 27 | ． 81 | ． 87 |
| 8 | 61.2 | 3.4 | 59.2 | 5.4 | ． 509 | ． 67 | 1.11 | ． 84 |
| 9 | 628 | 5.1 | 59.7 | 8.2 | ． 518 | ． 73 | ． 78 | ． 76 |
| 10 | 61.0 | 6.8 | 60.6 | 10.2 | ．534 | ． 86 | 2.34 | ． 72 |
| 11 | 65.3 | 8.4 | 61.1 | 12.6 | ． 543 | ． 92 | 3.04 | ． 66 |
| Nonn． | 66.2 | 10.0 | 612 | 150 | ． 514 | ． 92 | ． 74 | ． 61 |
| 1 | 66.7 | 11.3 | 61.0 | 170 | ． 51.1 | ． 85 | 4.34 | ． 57 |
| 2 | 67.1 | 11.8 | 612 | 17.7 | .544 | ． 88 | ． 59 | ． 56 |
| 3 | 67.1 | 12.0 | 61.1 | 18.0 | ． 543 | ． 86 | ． 67 | ． 56 |
| 4 | 66.1 | 11.0 | 606 | 16.5 | ．53 ${ }^{1}$ | ． 78 | ． 14 | ． 58 |
| 5 | 66.2 | 9.1 | 61.6 | 13.7 | ． 552 | 6.00 | 3.40 | ． 64 |
| 6 | 66.3 | 6.6 | 63.0 | 9.9 | ． 578 | ． 32 | 2.41 | ． 72 |
| 7 | 65.4 | 5.2 | 62.8 | 7.8 | ． 574 | ． 31 | 1.86 | ． 77 |
| 8 | 64.5 | 4.5 | 62.2 | 6.8 | ． 563 | ． 20 | ． 56 | ． 80 |
| 9 | 63.7 | 4.1 | 61.2 | 66 | ． 544 | ． 01 | ． 47 | ． 80 |
| 10 | 63.0 | 3.8 | 60.7 | 6.1 | ． 536 | 5.93 | ． 33 | ． 82 |
| 11 | 62．4 | 3.5 | 60.3 | 5.6 | ． 528 | ． 86 | ． 20 | ． 83 |

All the Hygrometrieal elements are computed by the Greenwich Constants．

Abstract of the Results of the Mourly Metcorological Obscrations taken at the Surveyor General's O.fice, Calcutta, in the month of January, 1859.

Solar Radiation, Weather, \&e.


[^12] hi cirro cumuli.



Tror grains.

| Mean weight of vapour for the month, .. .. | .. | 5.84 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Additional weight of vapour required for complete saturation, | .. | 1.94 |

Mean degree of Humidity for the montl, complete saturation being unity, 0.75

Inches.
Rained No day. Max. fall of rain during 24 hours,
Nil.
Total amount of rain during the month, .. .. .. Nil.
Prevailing direction of the Wind, .. .. .. W. \& N. \& N. W.

Abstract of the Results of the IHowrly Metcorologieal Observations taken at the Surveyor General's Office, Calcutta, in the month of January, 1850.

## Monthle Results.

Table showing the number of days on which at a given bour any particular wind blew, together with the number of days on which at the same hour, when any particular wind was blowing, it rained.


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[^0]:    * Such as the volcanic peak Jorulco and Coral Islcs, and landslips.

[^1]:    * I have not noticed his analogy drawn from planctary orbits, simply to avoid being drawn into a discussion on Physical Astronomy. But I may say thus much, that this supposed analogy docs not help matters at all. In the Survey in order to map the country, they use the Fundamental Ellipse. This analogy would therefore require that the Fundamental Ellipse should be used to find the place of a planet. But it is the "Instantaneous or Varying Ellipse" which is used for this purpose. It is the corresponding Local or Varying Ellipse, therefore, in going from place to place, that ought strictly to be used in mapping the conntry, and not the Fundamental or mean Ellipsc. As far as there is any apptoach to analogy, Messrs. Adams and Le Verrier pursued preciscly the same course which I have followed.

[^2]:    * The attraction of the mountains and the deficiency of attraction of the Ocean are shown also to have a marked effect upon the sea-level, raising the level at Karachee many feet above the level at Cape Comorin.

[^3]:    * He observes that the effect of the mountains in Central and Southern India have not been considered. If Mr. Tennant will draw the lunes and compactments on a map as described in my paper and note down the heights and depressions of the several parts he will see that the effect will be too trifing to be taken notice of. This examination would not occupy him half an hour.

[^4]:    * The Himmalayas rise to more than five miles. But the greatest height I have taken in any oue place falls a trifle short of two miles. The heights of beils of rivers above the level have been taken wherever they could be foumd, and not of the orerhanging ridges and peaks.

[^5]:    * Prcface to the Vásavadattá, pp. 14 and 15, foot-note : also pp. 20 and 21, foot-note.
    † See the preface to the Vásavadattá as by the last note. Bána, in the Harsha. charita, speaks of Bhása. He is also extolled by Rájasékhara. But Rájasékhara's age is still to be precisely determined. It is certain that he was not very ancient. The Jagaj-jíva-vrajyá of Jayadeva, cited in the sixth chapter of the Padya-vení, a poetical anthology by Venidatta, son of Jagajjírana, whimsically characterises Bhása, with Chora, Mayúra, Kálidása, Harsha, and Bána :

    यस्याच्चारयिकुर्शनकरः क षापूरो मयूरो
    भासो हासः कविकुलगुरः कानिट्दामे विलासः।
    
    केषां बैषा क्यय कविता कामिनी कौतुतुकाय॥

[^6]:    * This Stanza is in an upajáti measure consisting of alternate Indravajrús aud Upendravajrás. Such a metre is denominated Smrili.
    $\dagger$ Vaktra.
    $\ddagger S^{\prime} i k h a r i n i$.
    § Query धिचराय? —Eds.
    \|Vasantatilaká.

[^7]:    * $S^{\prime}$ árdúlavikridita.

[^8]:    * The custom is not found among the various forms of marriage given in Manu's third book, but this may be explained by the fact that the Swayampara relates only to the choiec of the husband, the nuptial ecremony being performed afterwards according to the proper rites. We find an allusion in a later part of the Institutes which proves the prevalence of the custom, as it is said (ix. 90, 91), "three sears let a damsel wait, though she be marriageable; but, after that term, let her ehoose for herself (vindeta,) a bridegroom of equal rank; if, not being given in marriage, she chooso her bridegroom (adhigachlued yadi swayam,) neither she nor the youth chosen commits any offence." The Seloliast explains it of the so-called Swayamrara, "adlhikaynnavarálálhe samánậáligunam varam swayam verinita."

[^9]:    * Cf. Justin, xliii. 4; Athenæus xiii.§ 36. Aristotle represents the founder s name as Euxenus, and Protis as his son by the marriage; but this is only one of those ever-recurring uneertainties in the "dissolving views" of leyendary, as distinguished from authentic, history.

[^10]:    * "Les Dihkans formaient une classe de l'ancienne noblesse persanc. Ils etaient selon la definition qu'en donne le Modjnel-al-Tewarikh, " des chefs, des propriétaires de terres et de villages," et formaient une aristocratie territoriale qui retint, méme sous le gouvernement des arabes, son influence locale......Leur condition sous le khalifat devait être à peu près la même que celle des familles sasonnes de l'Angleterre qui gardèrent leurs propriétés sous les Normands, et à qui leur influence héréditaire tient encore aujourd'hui lieu de titres de noblesse [country families]." M. Mohl's preface to his edition of the Sháhnámeh, vol. i. p. viii. The position of the dihkáns is a most important link in the chain that connects the present reminiscences of Persia with her own earlier times. Their authority is quoted in every part of the Shálnámeh.

[^11]:    * Litcrally " in the land of the owl."

[^12]:    \i Cirri, Li cirro strati, $n_{i}$ cumuli, $n_{i}$ cumulo strati, hinimbi, -i strati,

